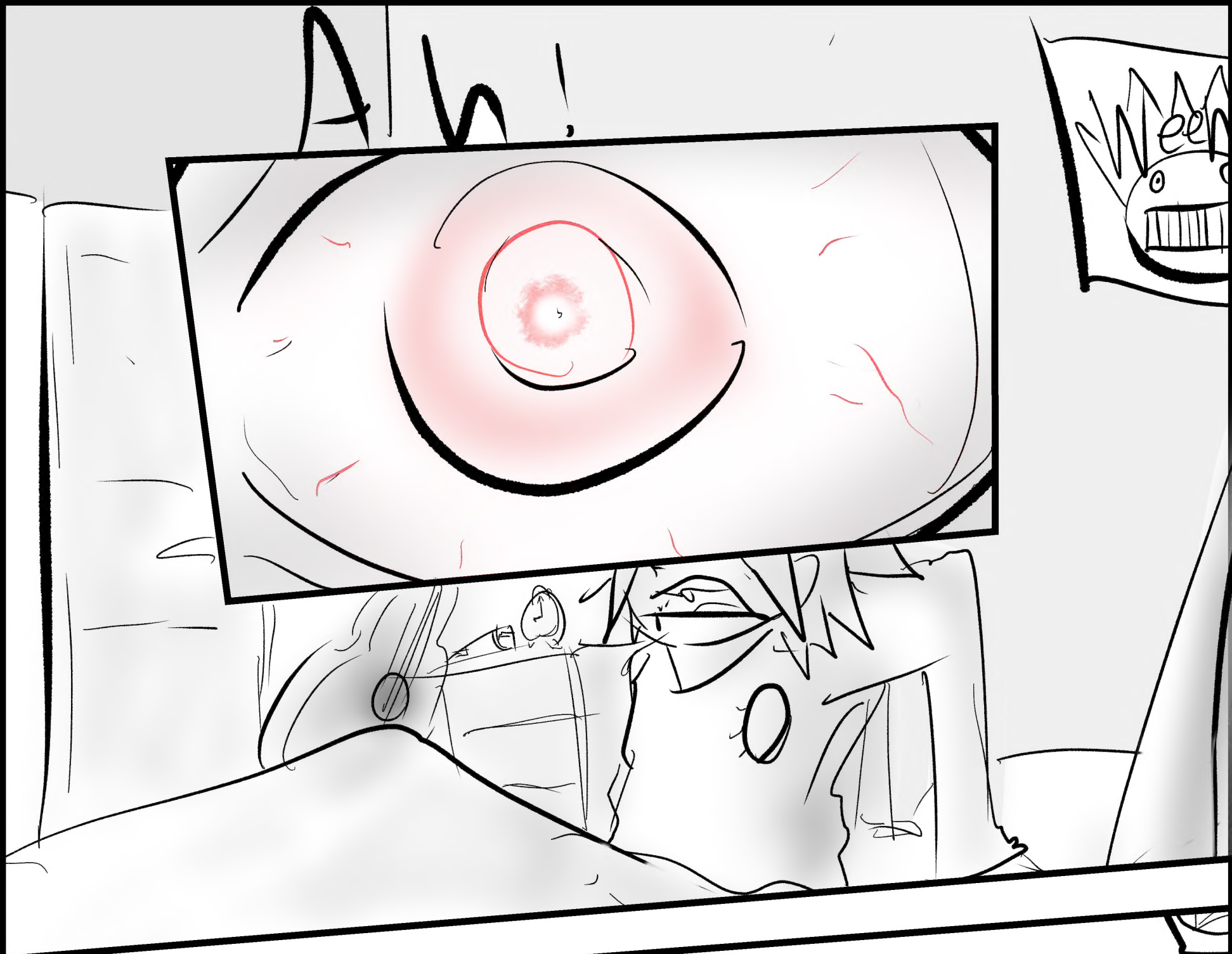


Soul ~~STAR~~  ~~IS~~

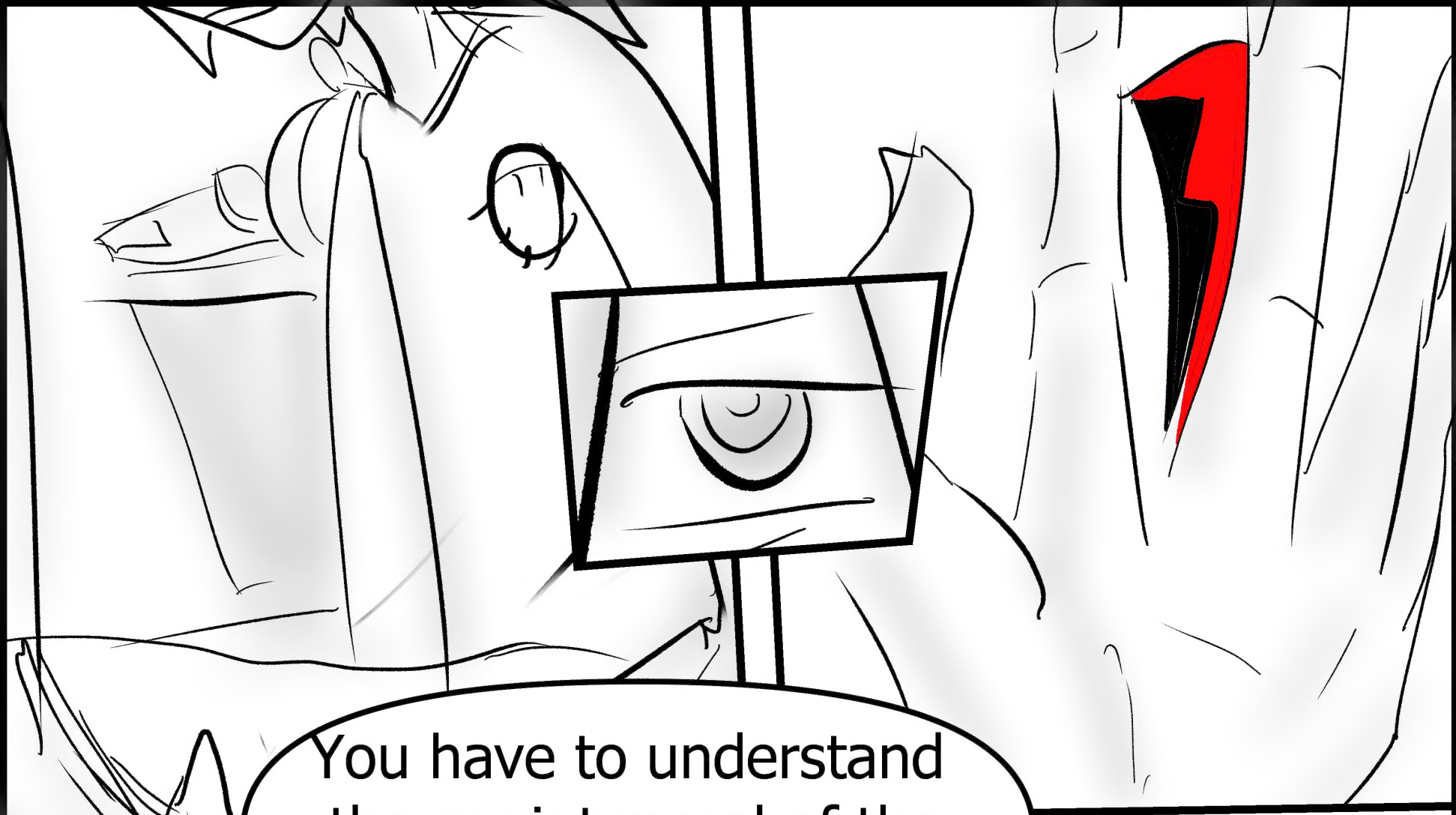




Sorry for making it about myself yesterday, I was pathetic for thar, I just didn't know how to help...

Oh don't worry Crona, I was the one being silly, I guess I just get jealous and self-conscious sometimes...

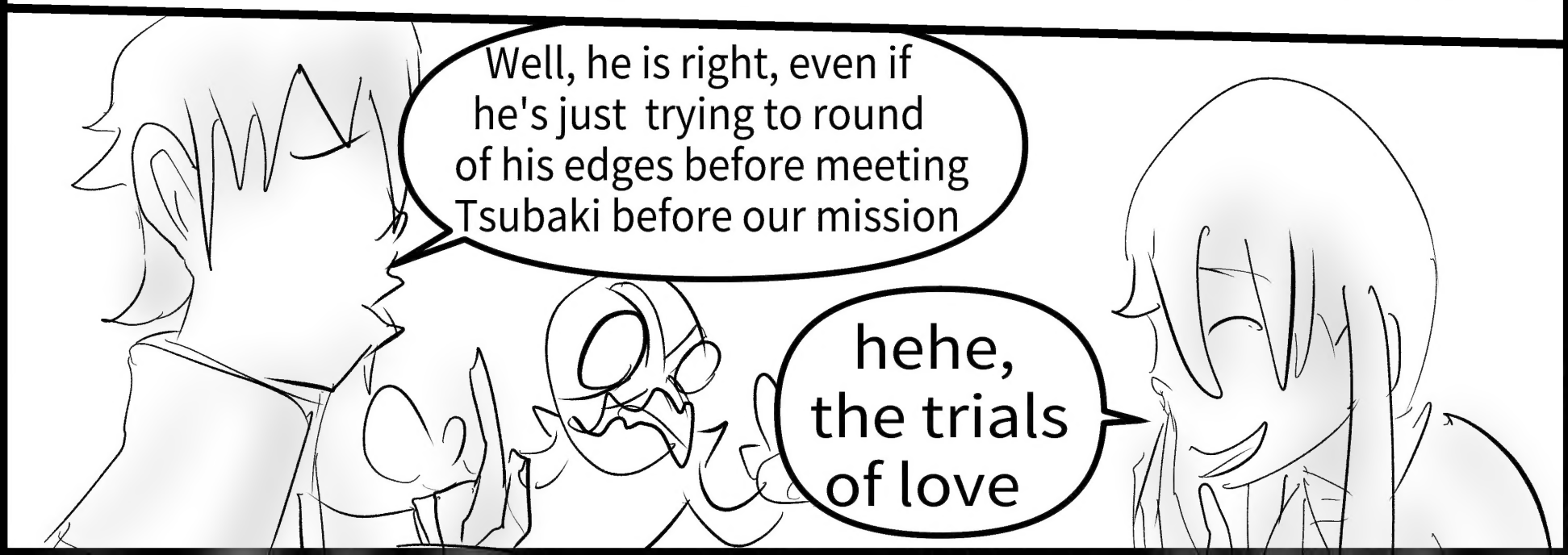
Man, that's hard to listen to



You have to understand the quaint moral of the story, my dear Maka

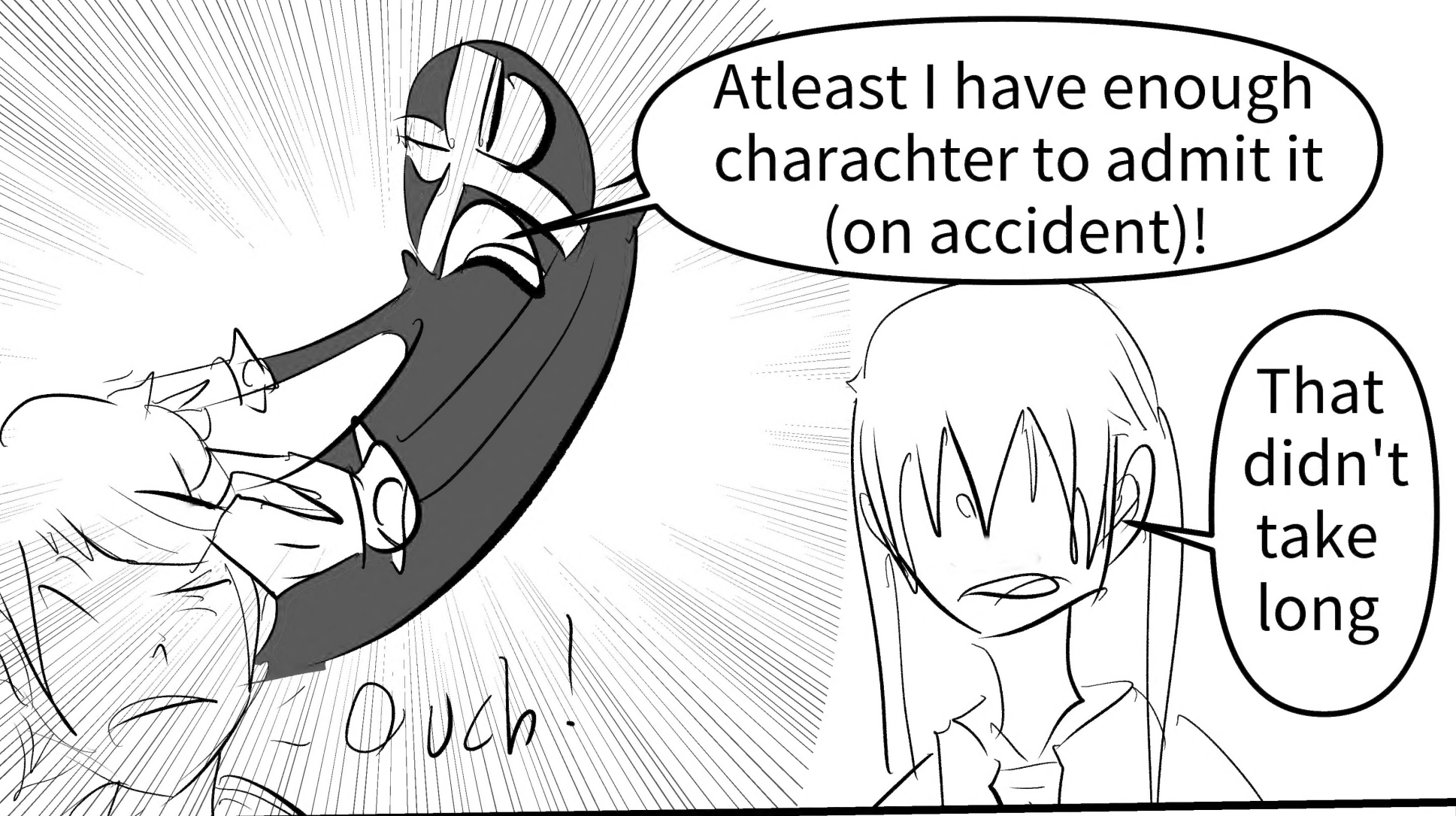
One can have friends who share different interests

This sounds less believable than you not cheating at the upcoming exam



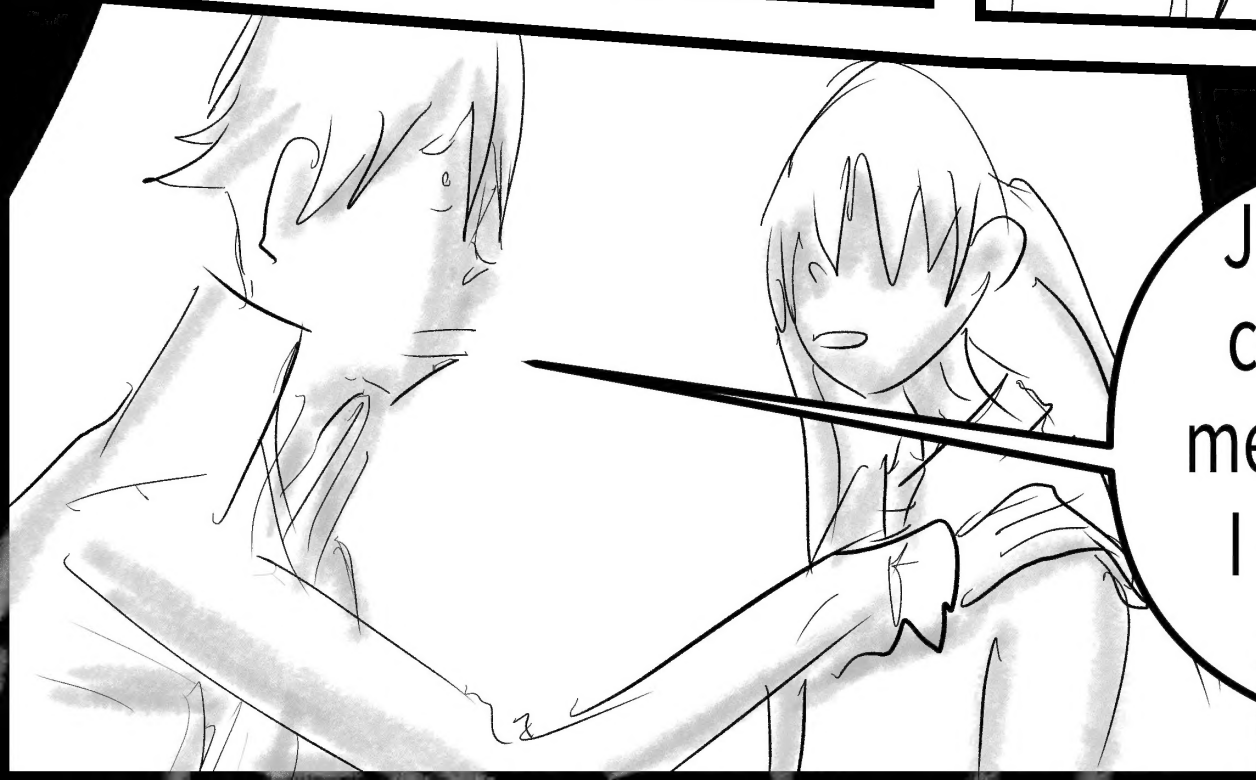
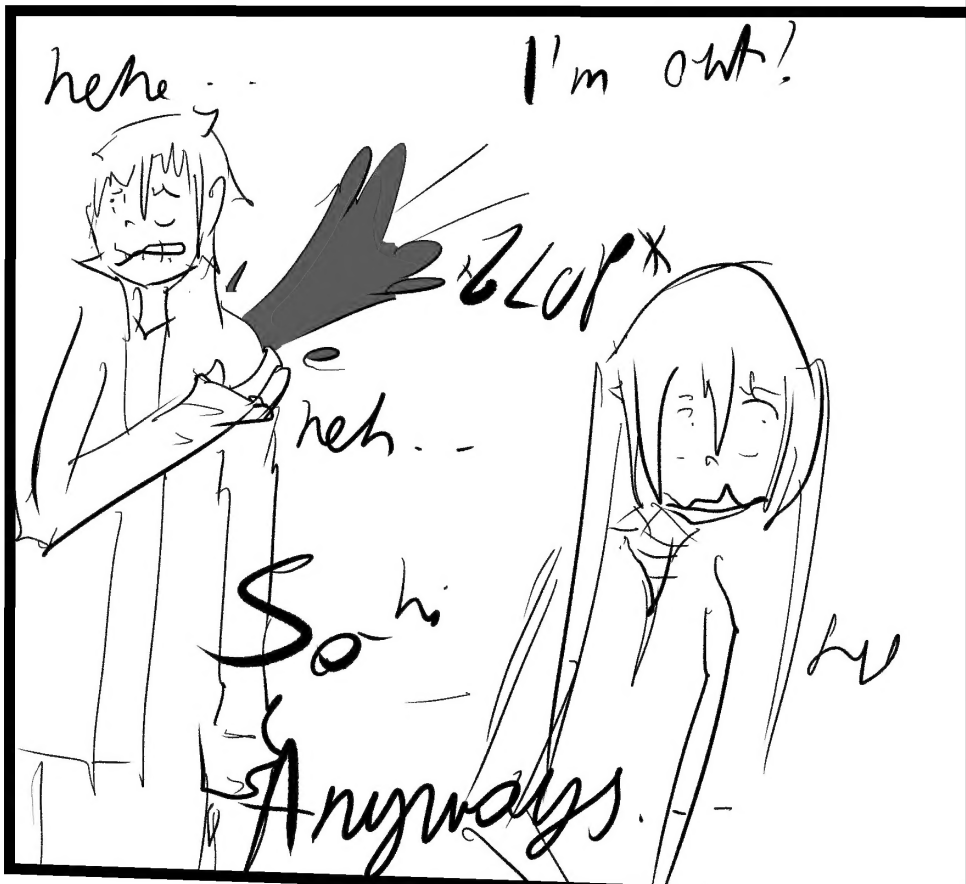
Well, he is right, even if he's just trying to round of his edges before meeting Tsubaki before our mission

hehe, the trials of love



Atleast I have enough
charachter to admit it
(on accident)!

That
didn't
take
long



Just remember, you
can allways talk with
me if something is wrong.
I will allways help- or
a-atleast try to...

y-yeah I'm fine

Don't worry about me, worry about being late for your mission

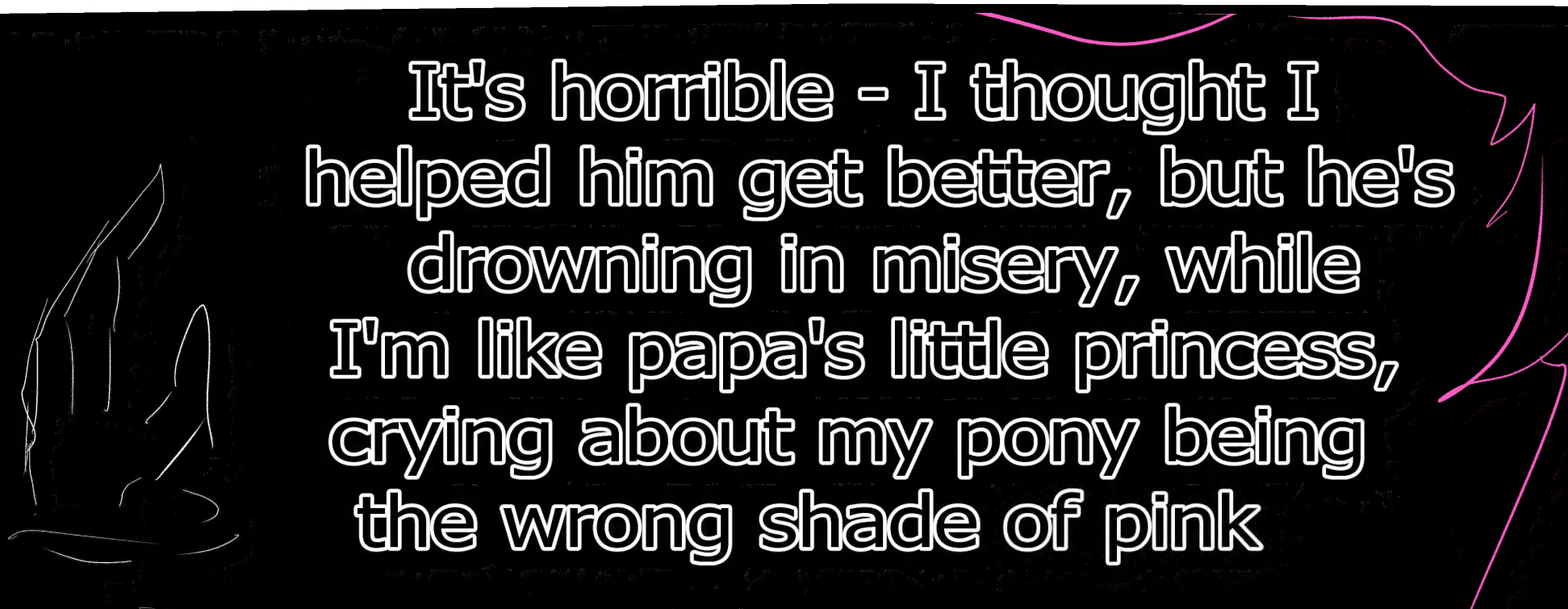
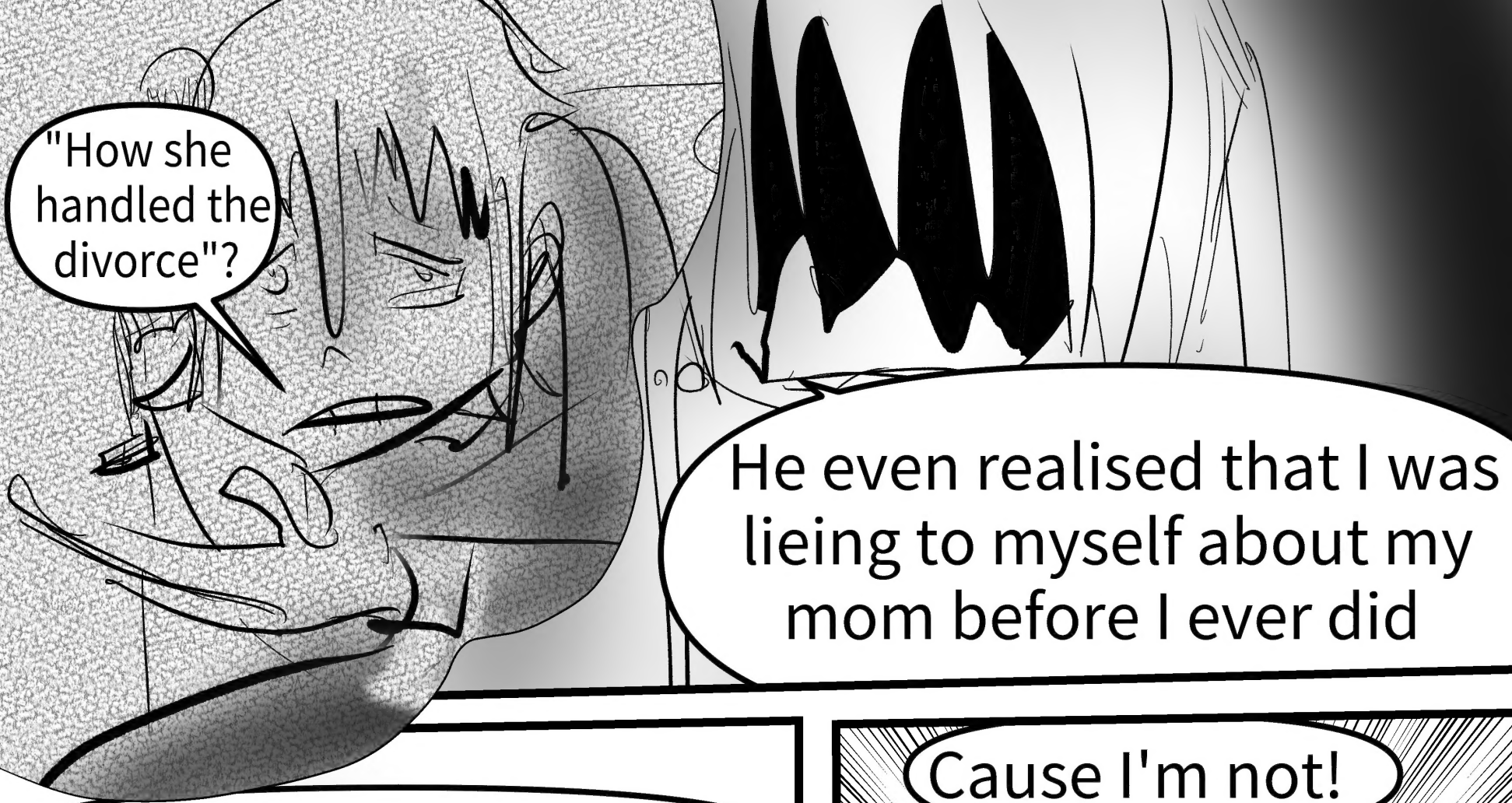
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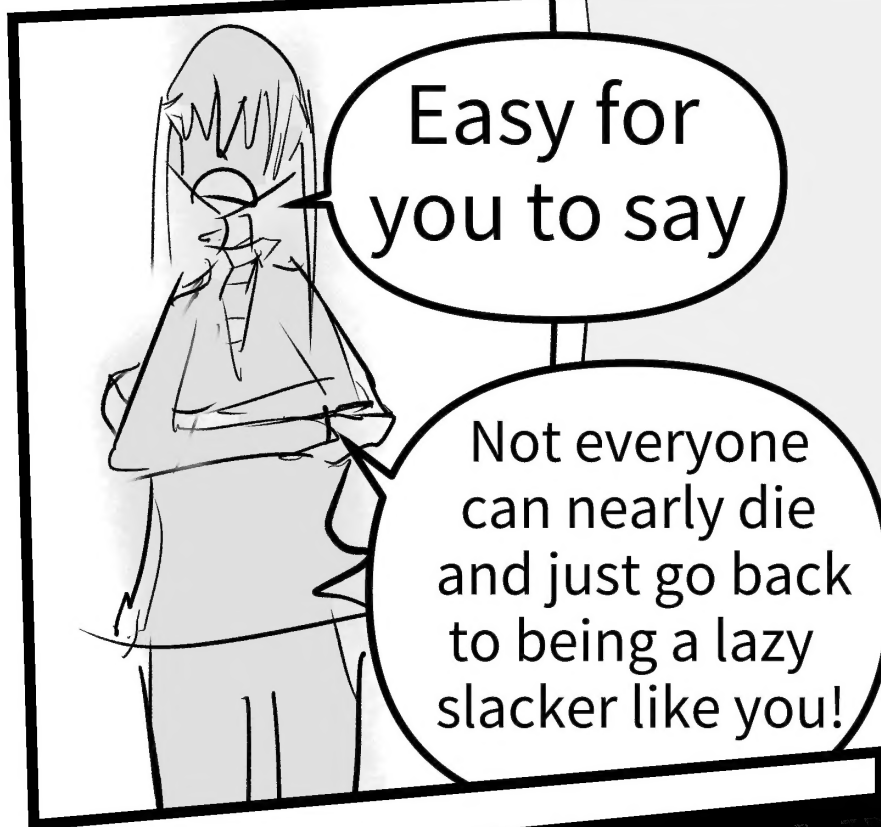
See you soon Maka

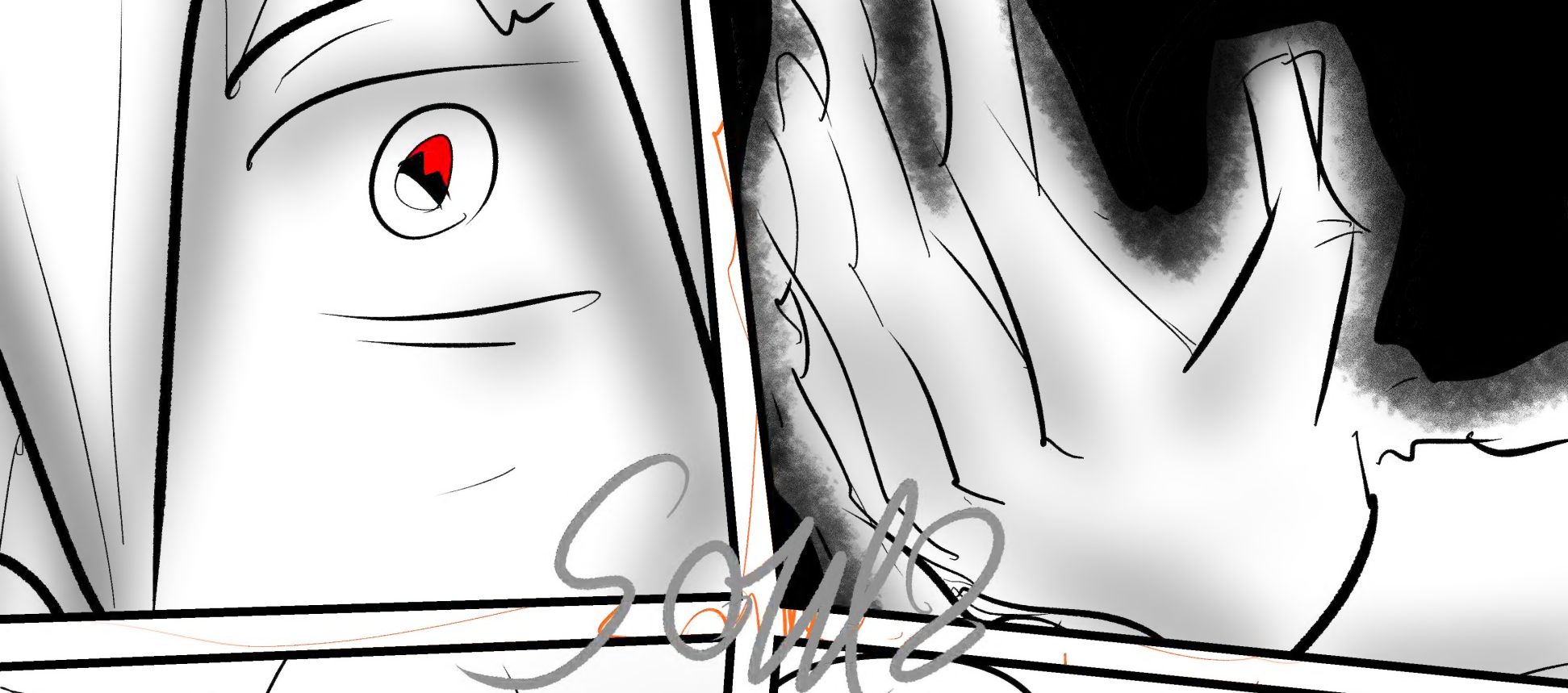
You really think he bought it?

+tuck+

Of course he didn't...



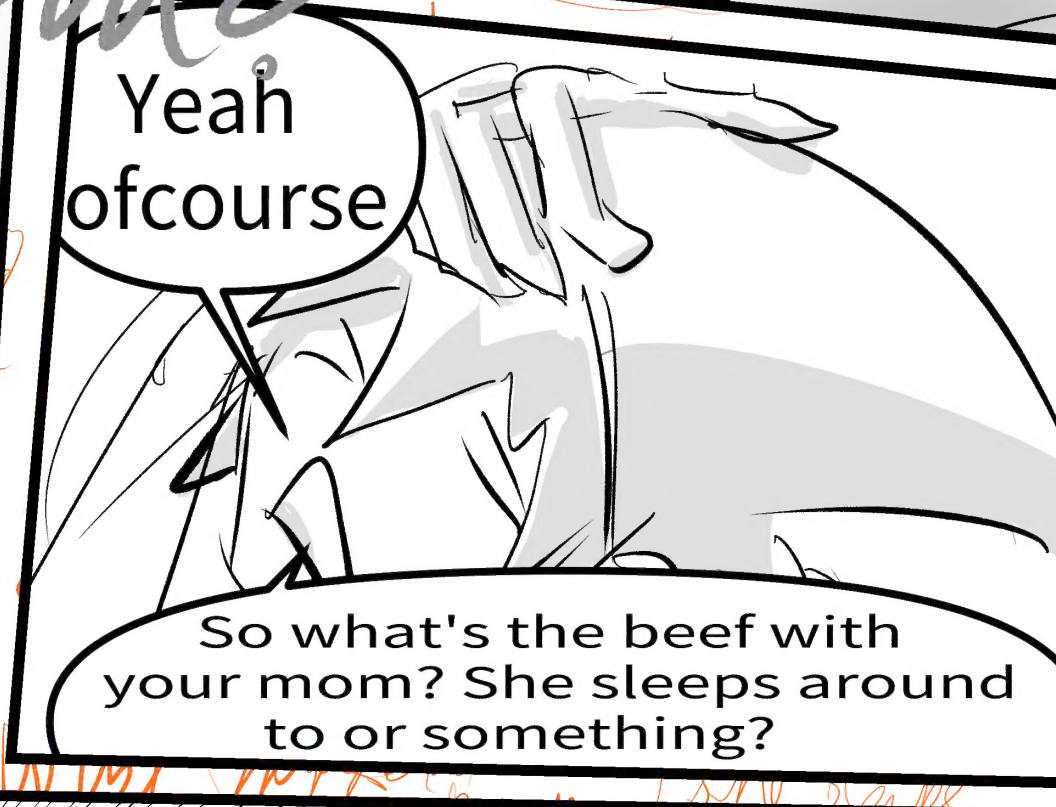




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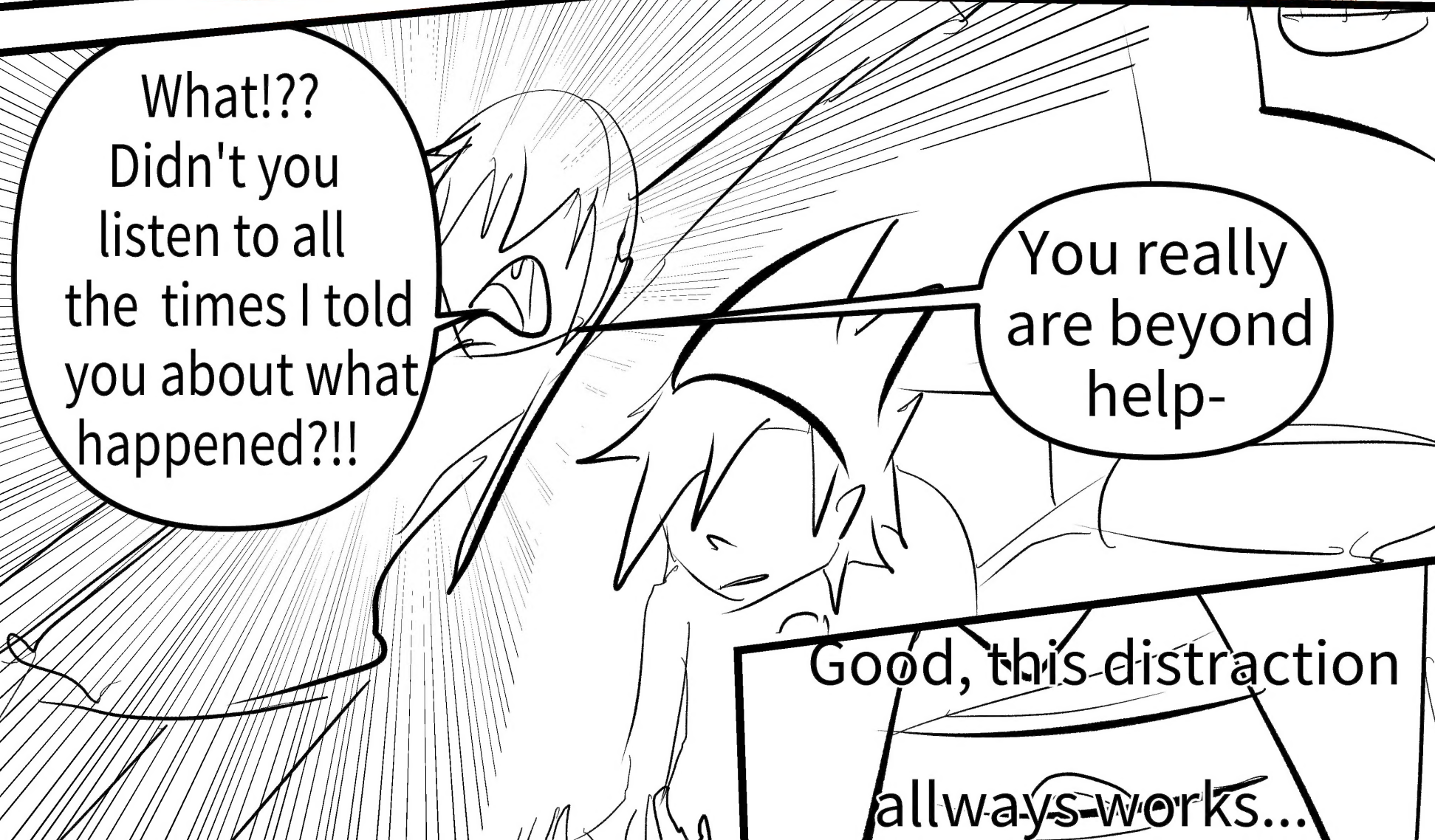


Is everything alright



Yeah ofcourse

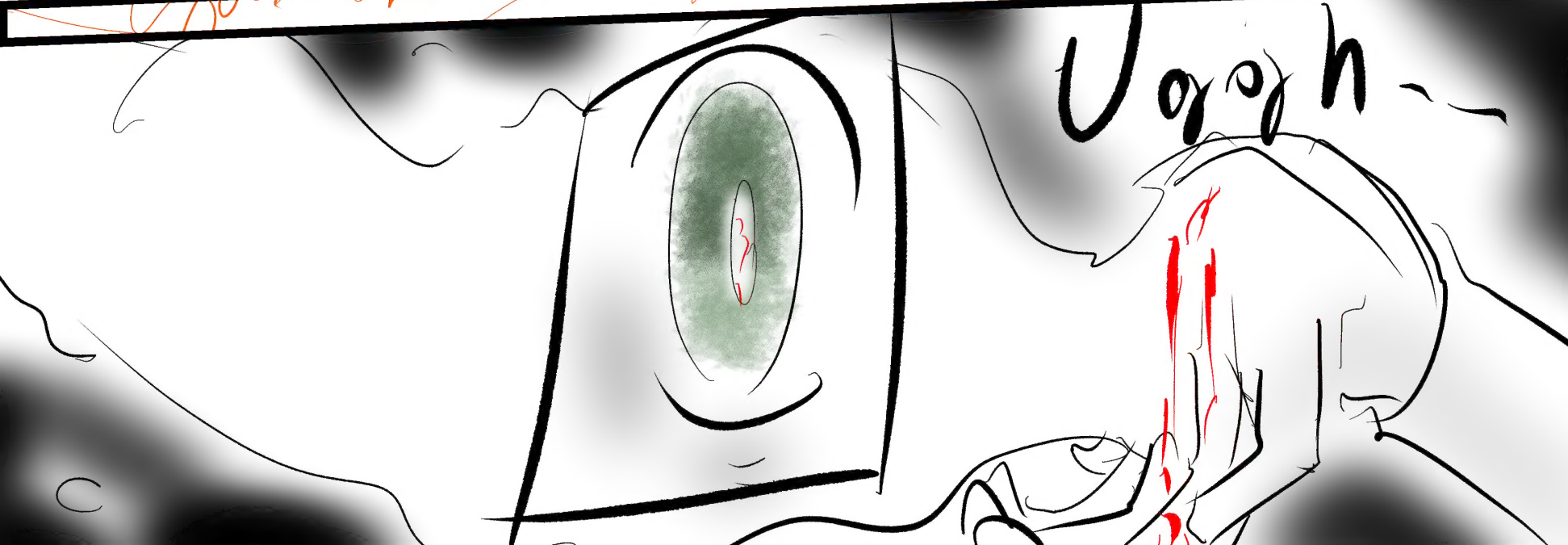
So what's the beef with your mom? She sleeps around to or something?

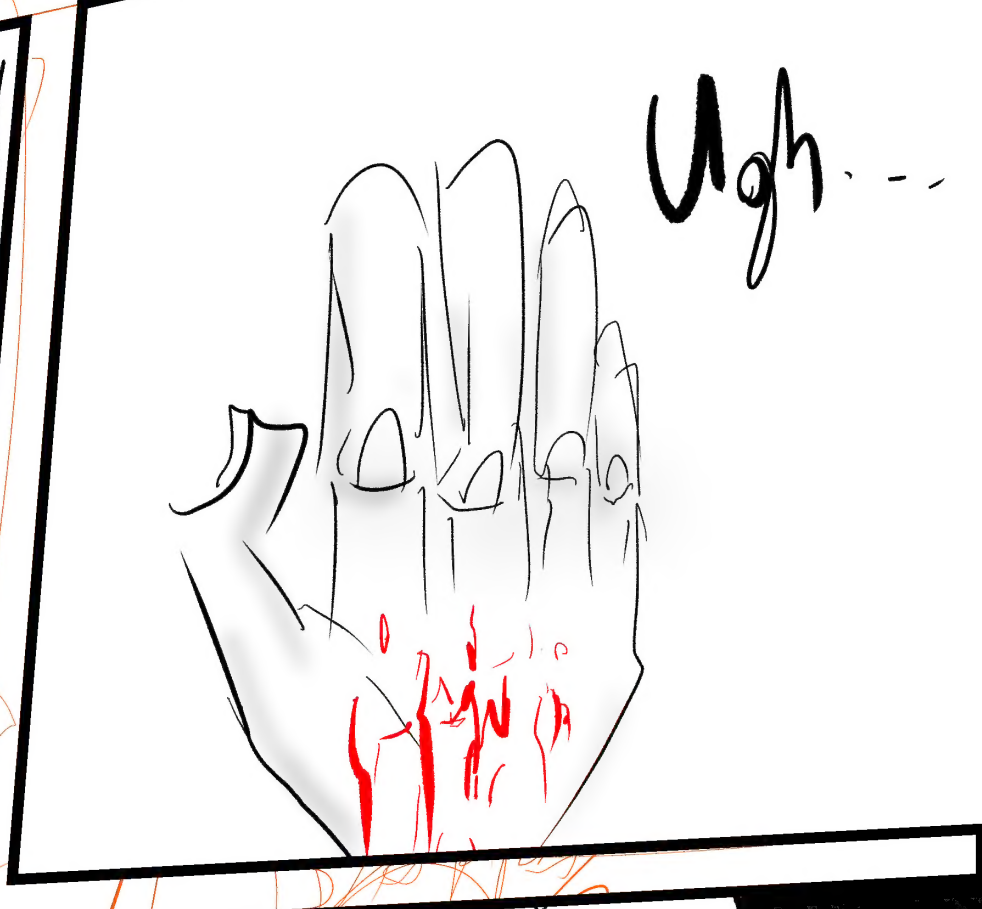
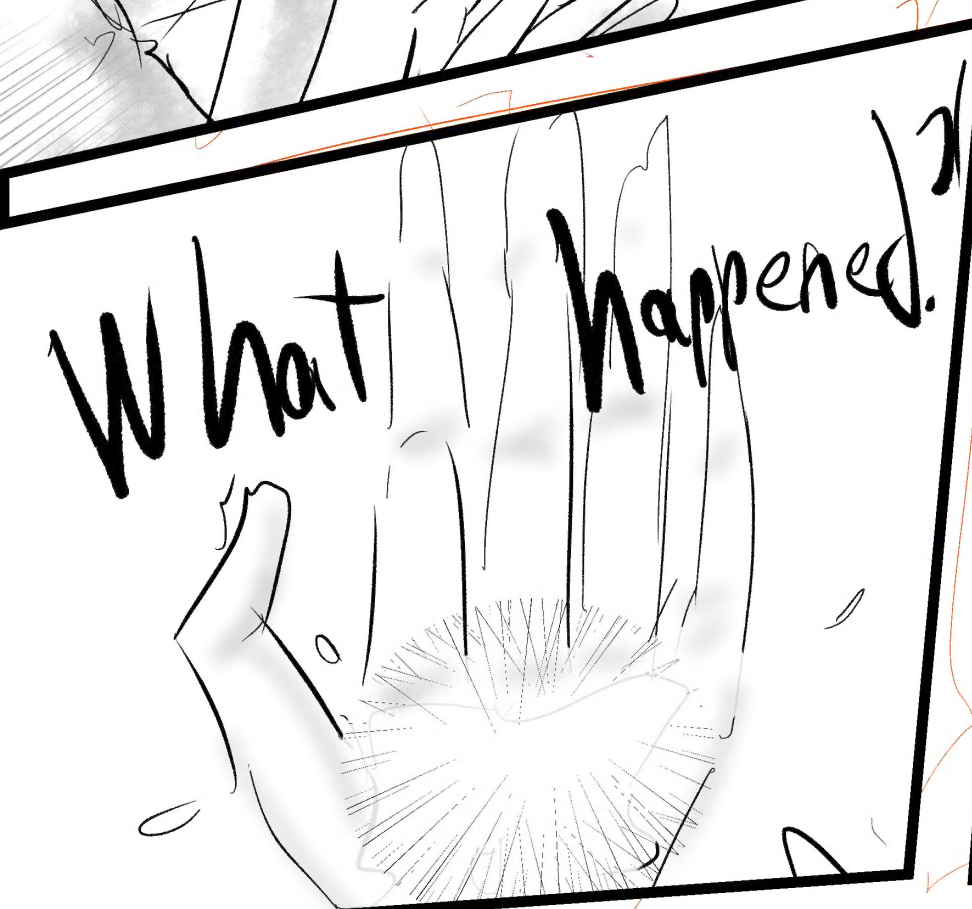


What!??
Didn't you listen to all the times I told you about what happened?!!

You really are beyond help-

Good, this distraction always works...



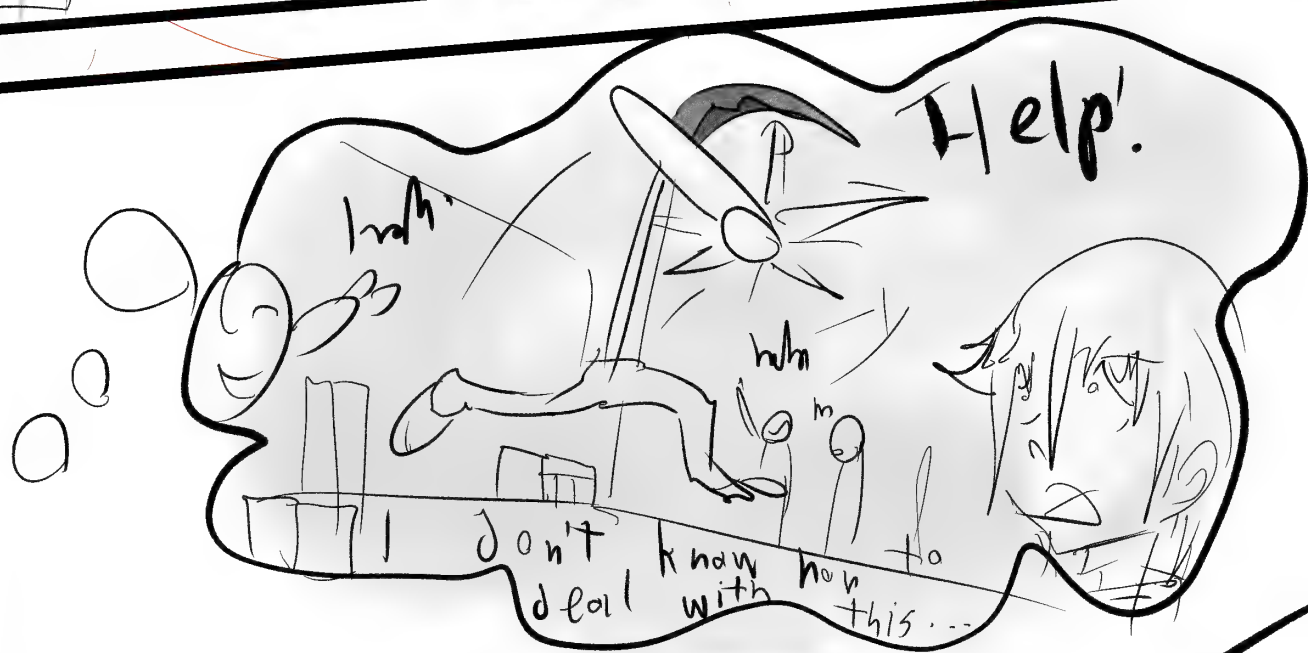


B-but what happened!?

I've never seen you transform out of nowhere and that scream-

It-it's probably nothing

A few drops of blood that's all

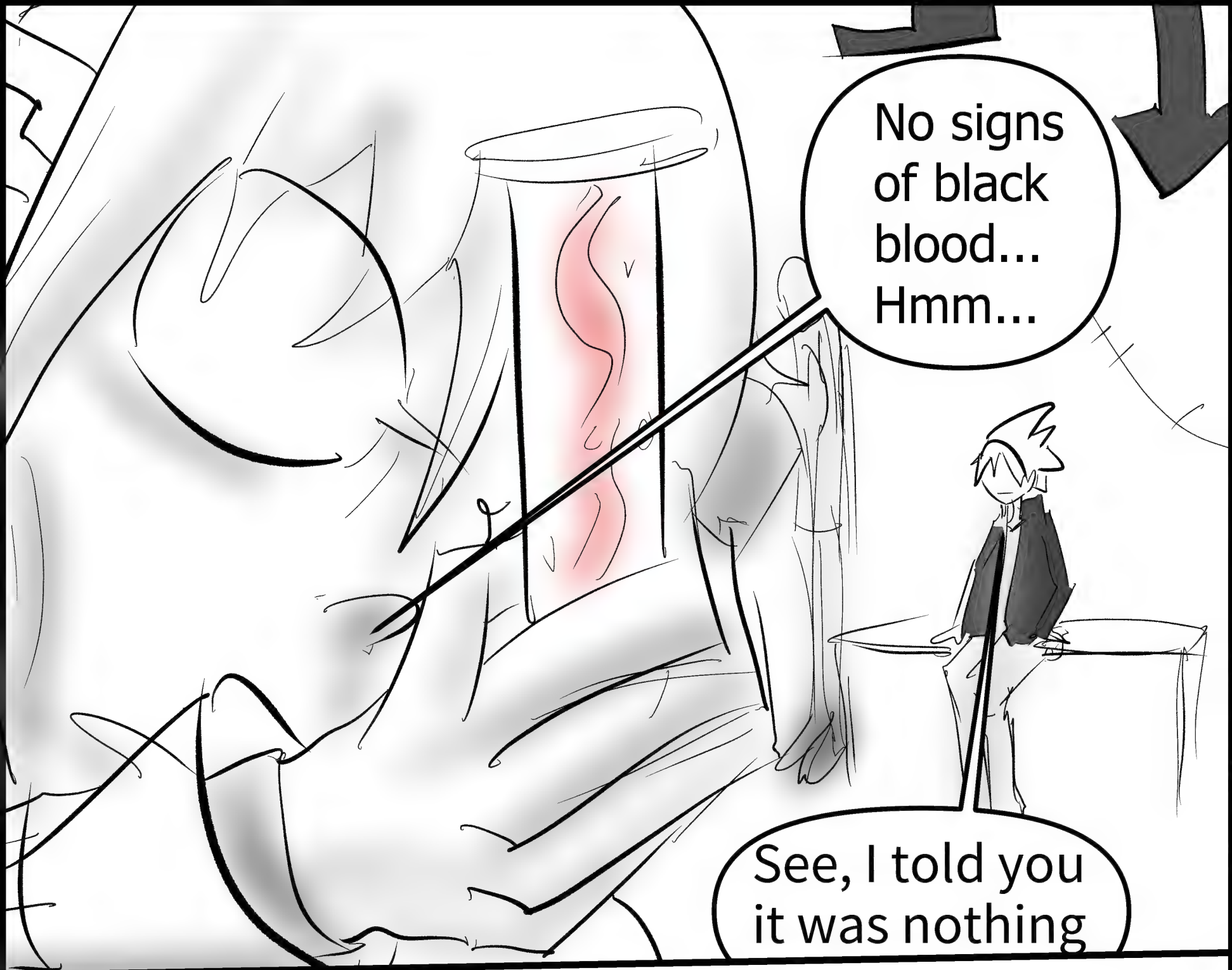


Are you sure, even when I struggled with my weapon form, it was mostly awkward and embarrassing, not painful



Hmm,
indeed,
this is
unusual

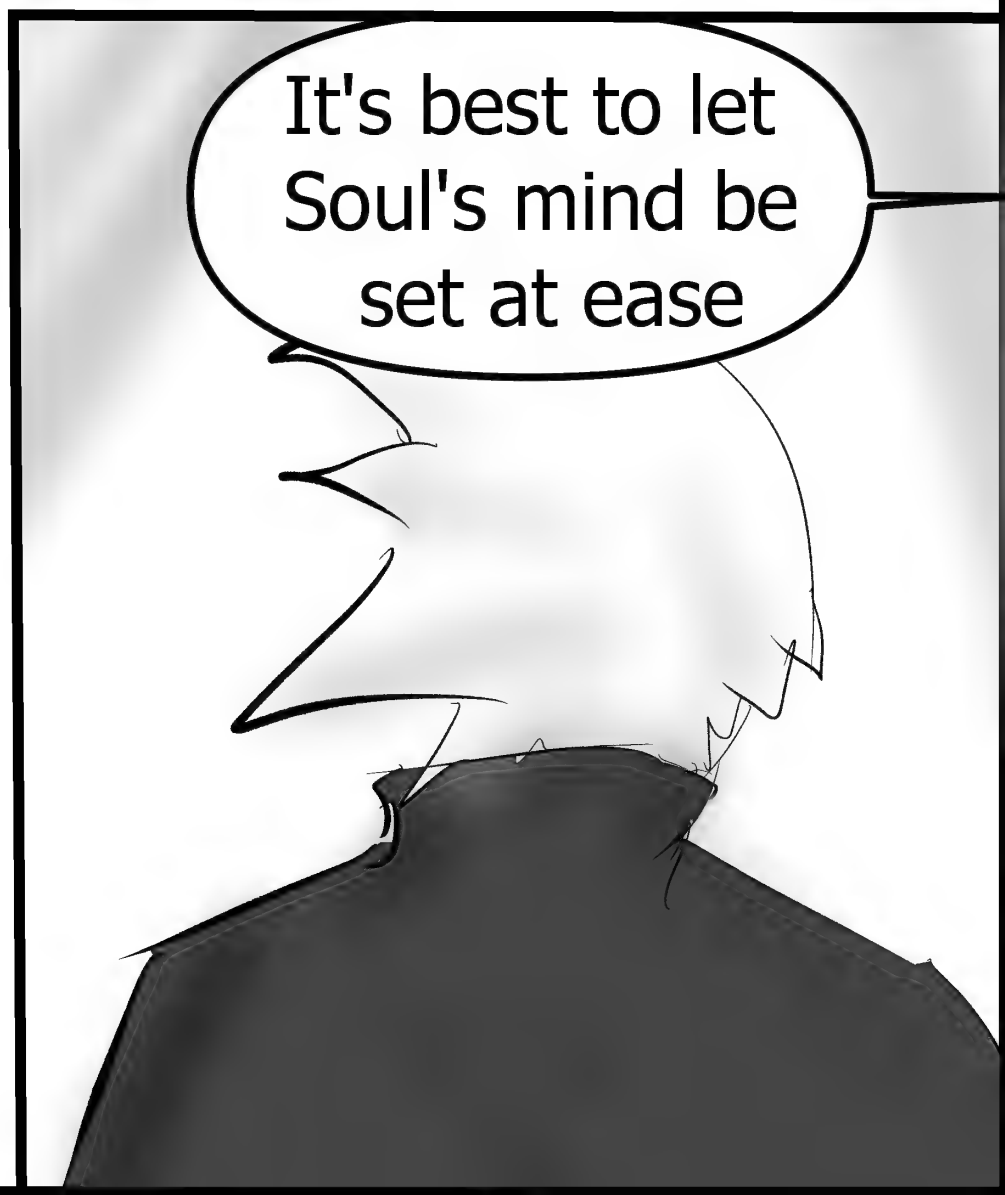
a wound from a
partial weapon
transformation



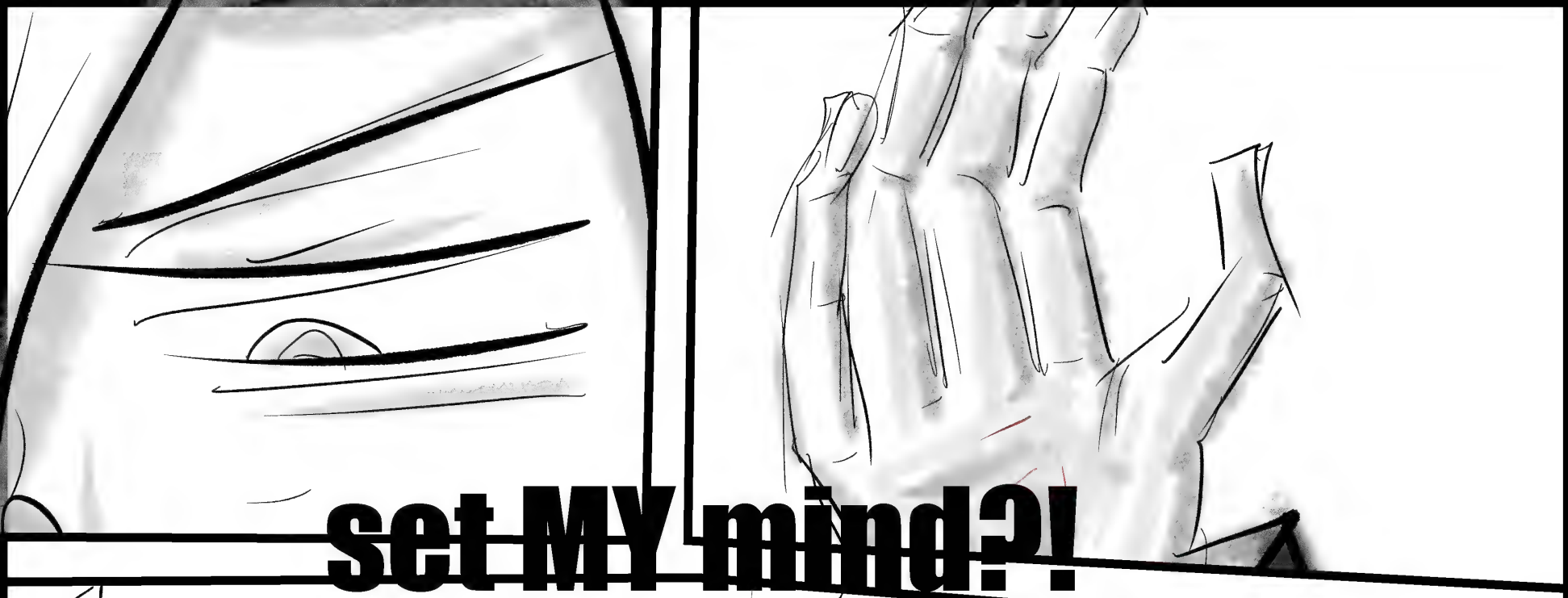
See, I told you it was nothing



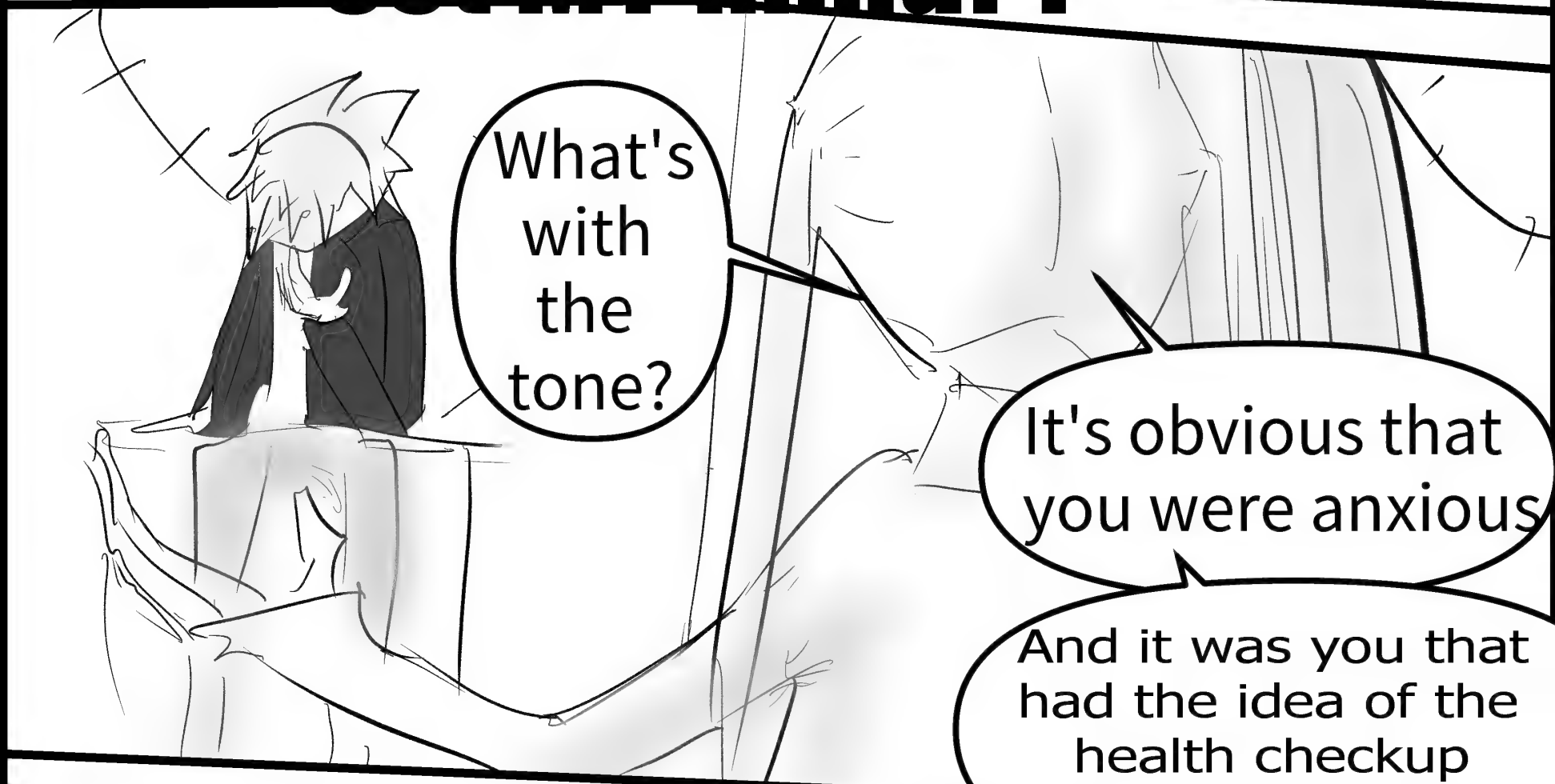
Well either way, we must be thankful to you dr. Stein and the fact that you came back just in time



It's best to let Soul's mind be set at ease



set MY mind?!



What's
with
the
tone?

It's obvious that
you were anxious

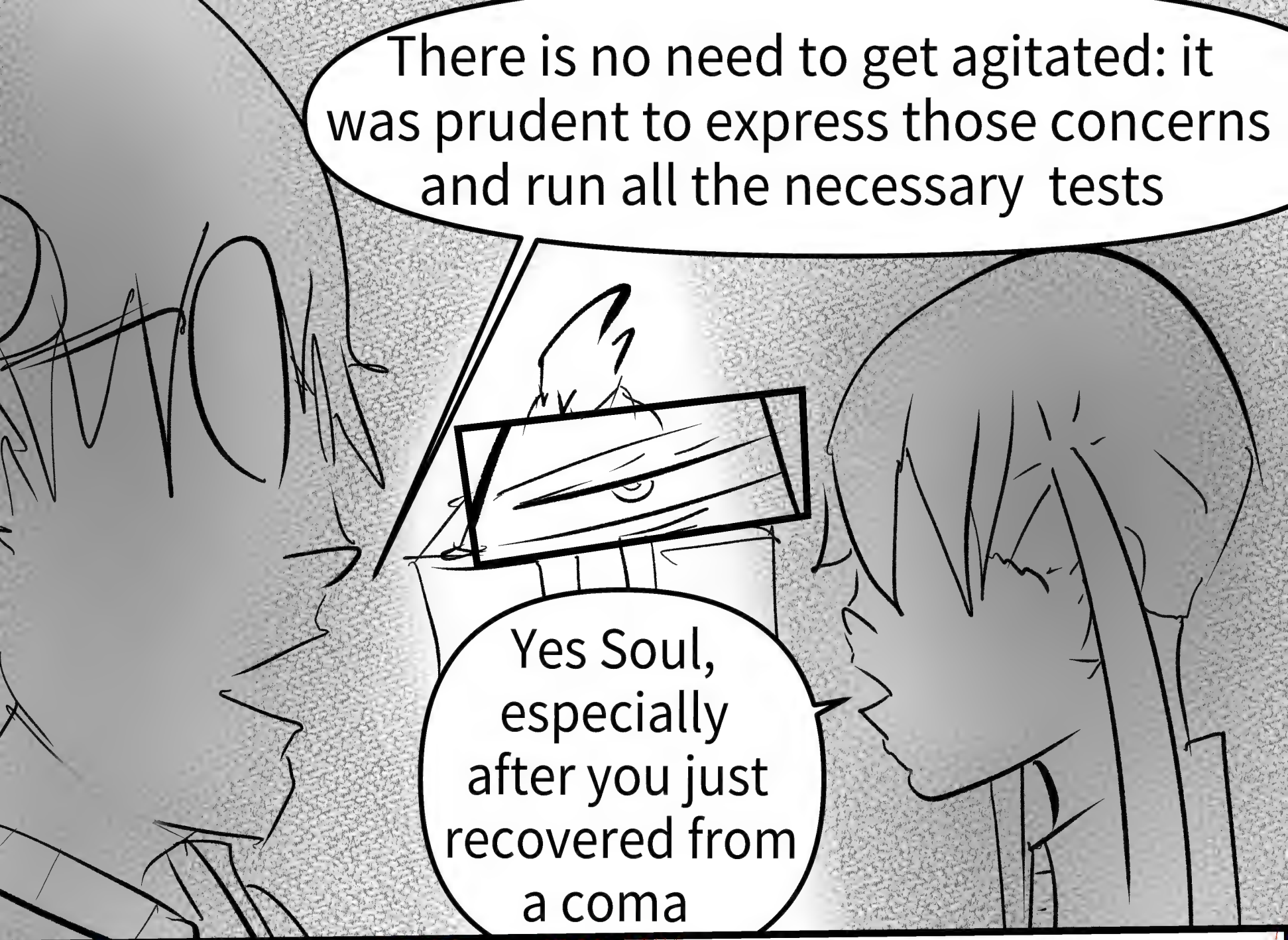
And it was you that
had the idea of the
health checkup



Soul, worrying
about ones health
shouldn't embarrass
you, especially if
it is an unusuall
symptom

Think I'm
scared? Tch,
your scew must
be lose again

There is no need to get agitated: it was prudent to express those concerns and run all the necessary tests



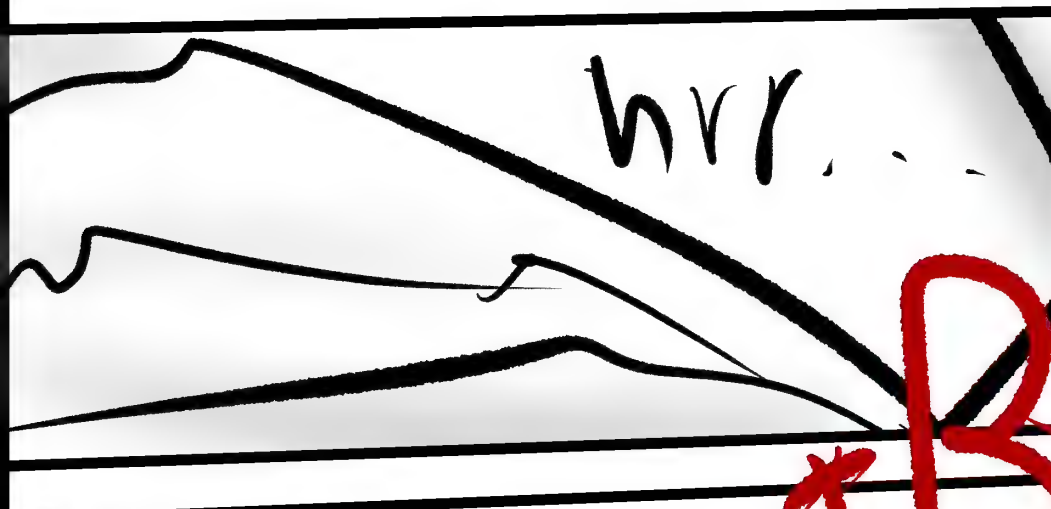
Yes Soul, especially after you just recovered from a coma

I'm leaving either way

Yeah I get it, got enough from your humiliation ritual?



Soul, wait,
you can't
just-



hrr...



Soul, you

idiot!

BANG!



I'm so sorry
proffesor Stein,
especially when
you took time out of
your busy schedule

Soul is really
acting like a
baby today



I wonder...

Do you
know
something
proffesor

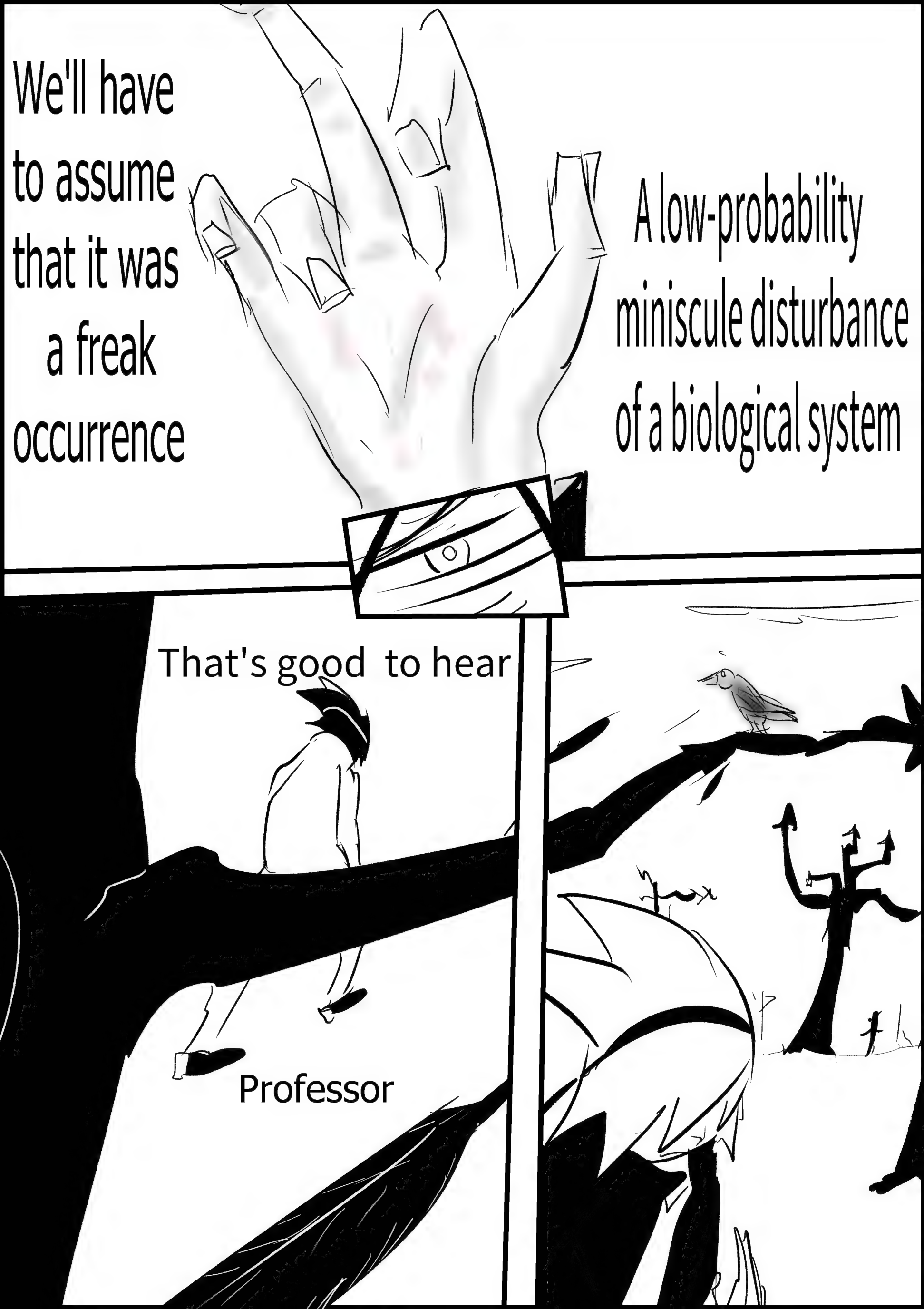
No...No,
at this
point-

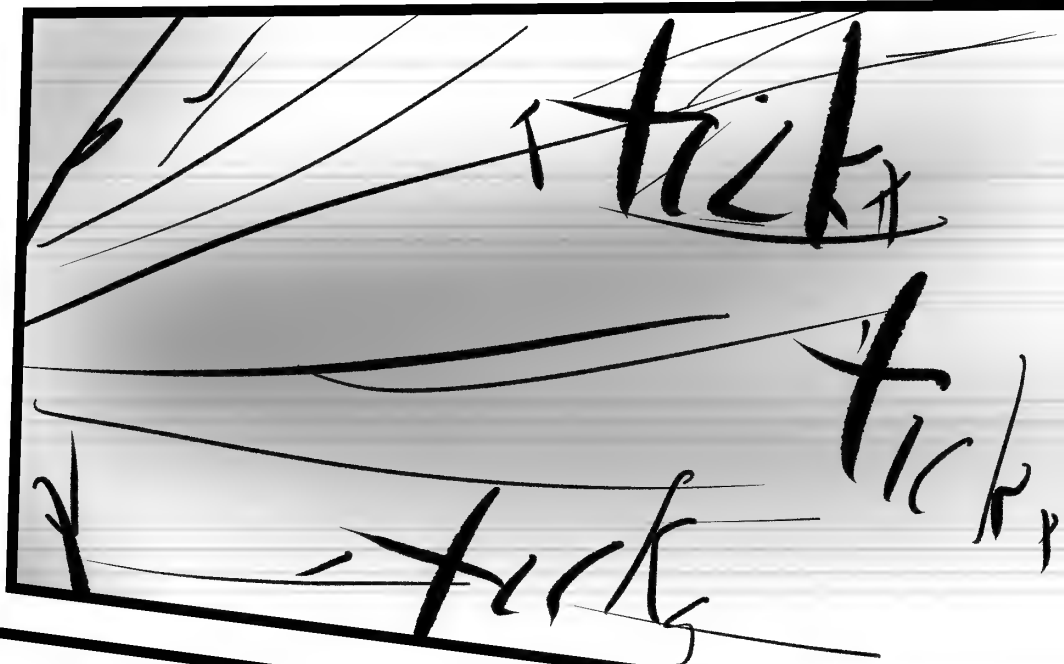
We'll have
to assume
that it was
a freak
occurrence

A low-probability
miniscule disturbance
of a biological system

That's good to hear

Professor

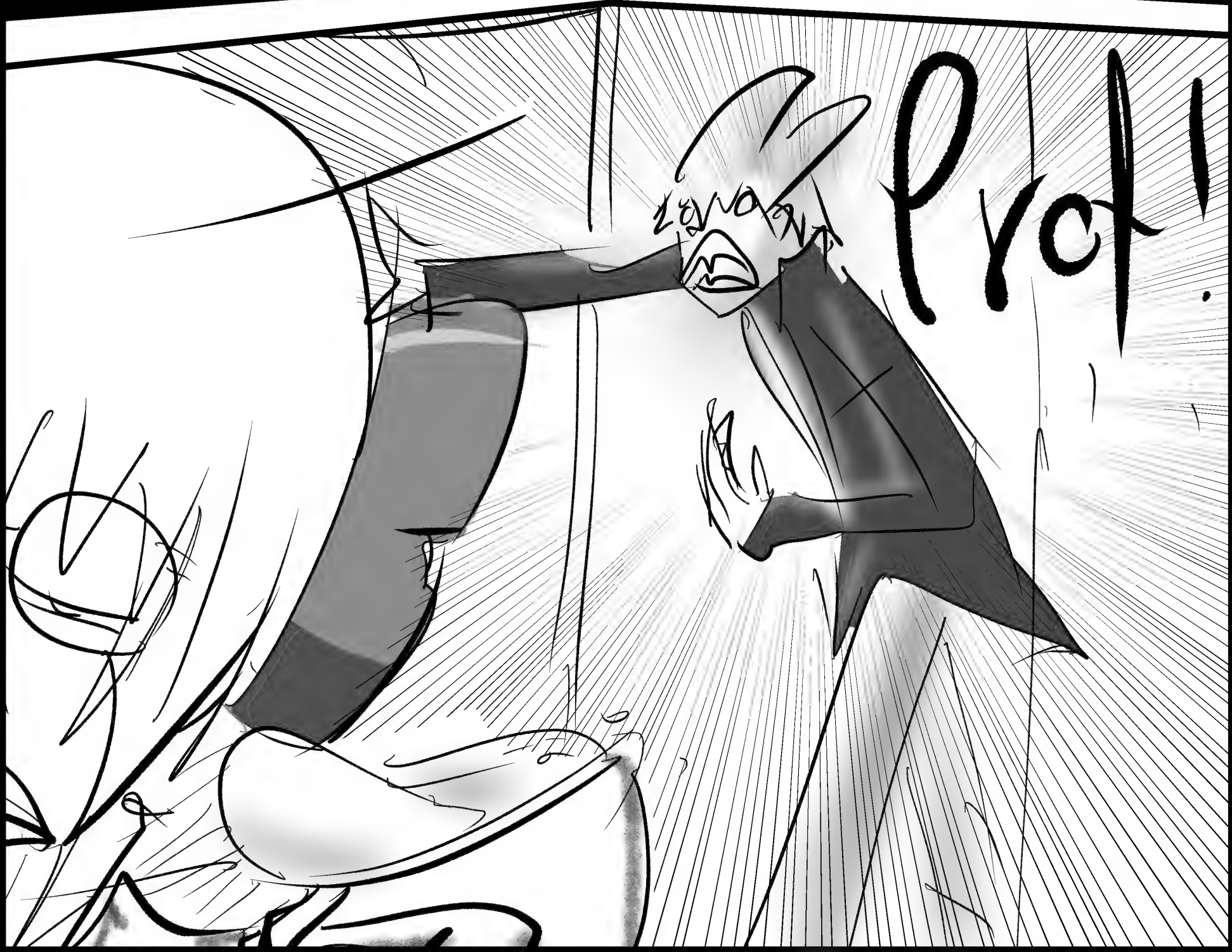






What the hell,
cheap budget
brand shit!


10 bucks
down the
drain...





Soul?

Barging in the middle of an important operation is quite imprudent

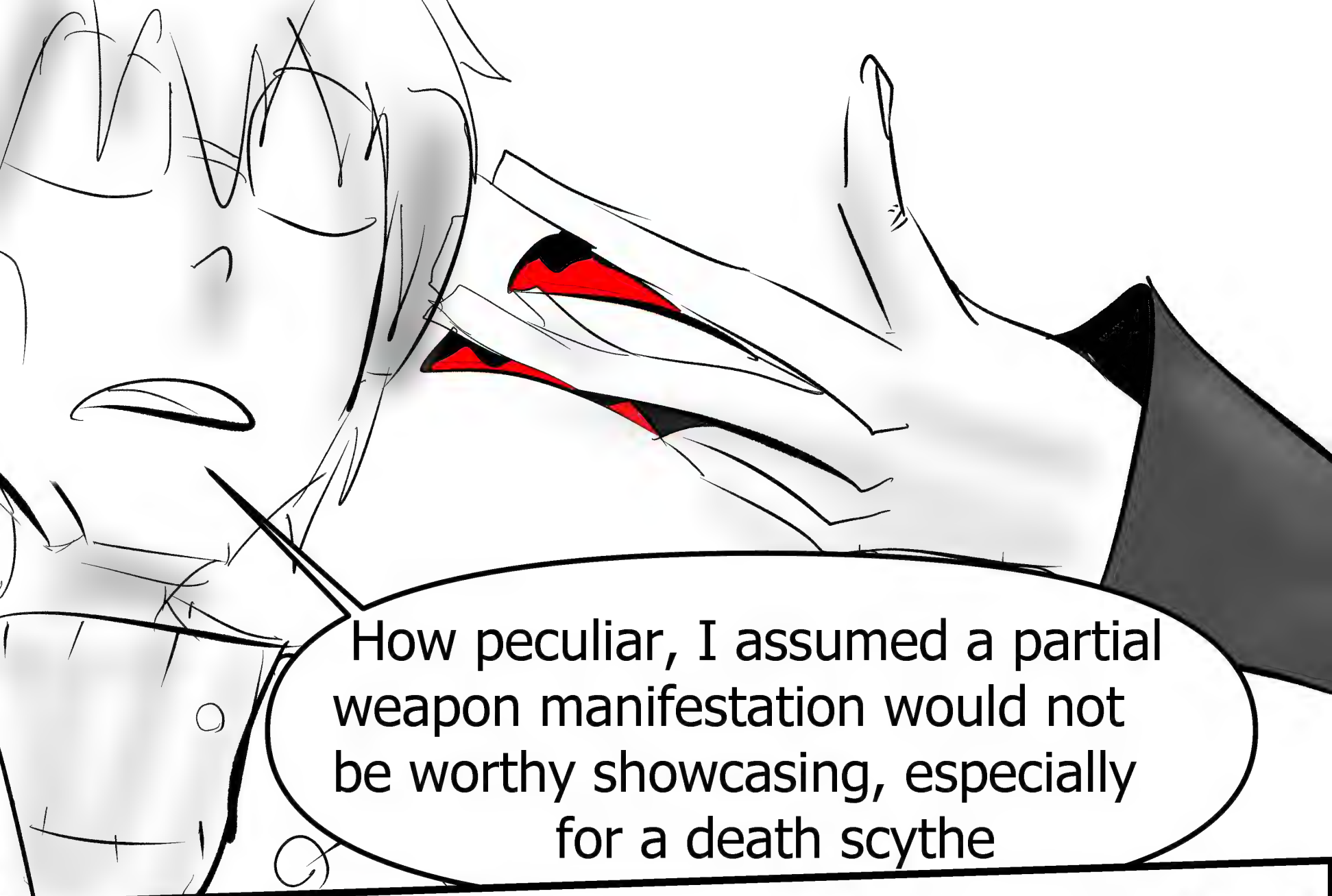


Anyways, tea?

Only from freshly extracted bear-bile concen-



cut the ceremony



How peculiar, I assumed a partial
weapon manifestation would not
be worthy showcasing, especially
for a death scythe



SNIP

But as make-shift
nail clippers, it is
a valiant effort

No the point
is they popped
out of nowhere
again!

Well, did you feel excruciating pain again?

Did any new wounds or scars open?

Did you scream worse than after you saw your latest exam results?

No-

No, but-

Do I look like I would-

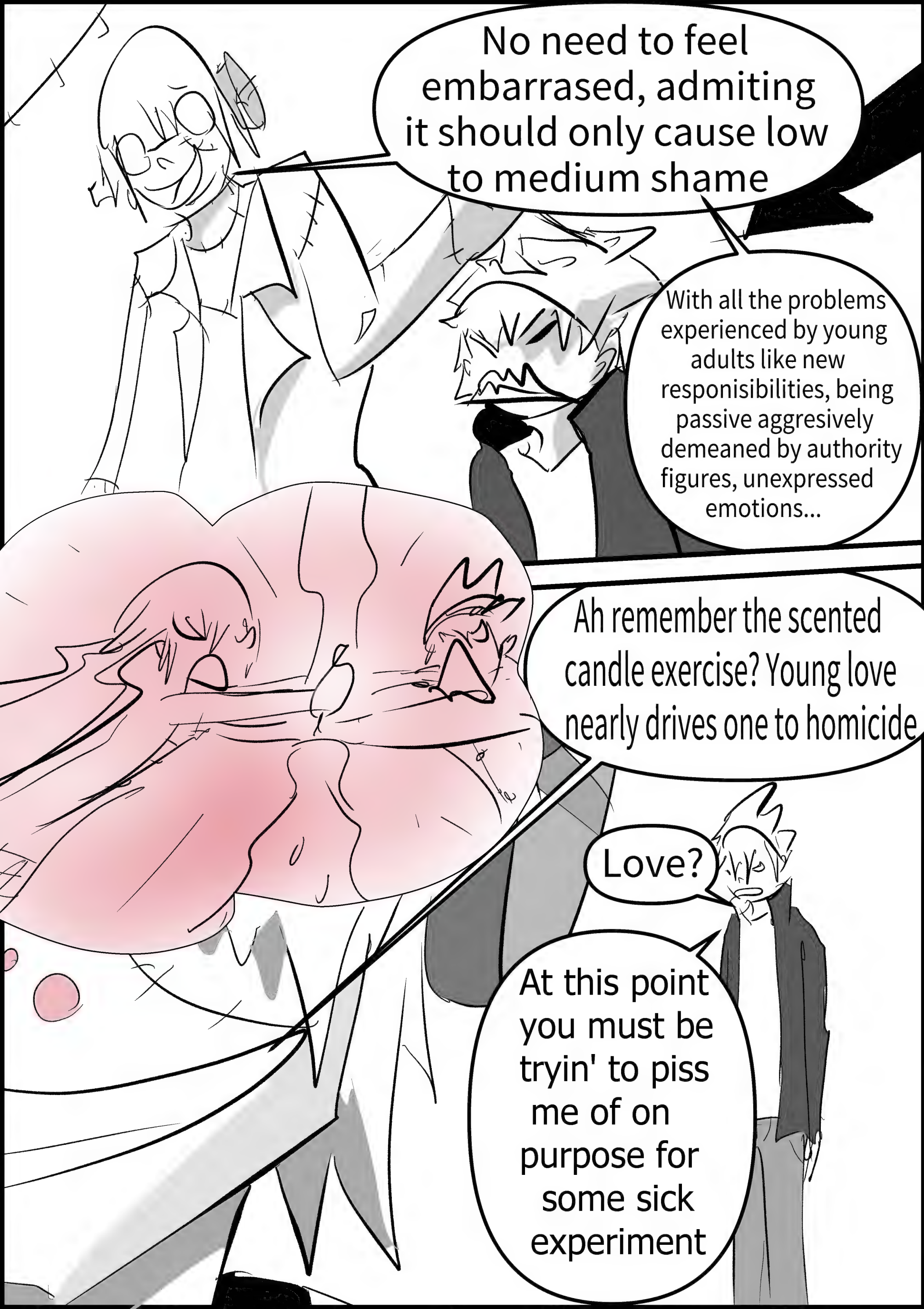
Can you easily transform back?

SWISH

Yeah...

Then, the only logical conclusion is... You are just stressed out!

And your predictably exaggerated screech which you will respond with to this situation is just more proof of this hypothesis



No need to feel embarrassed, admitting it should only cause low to medium shame

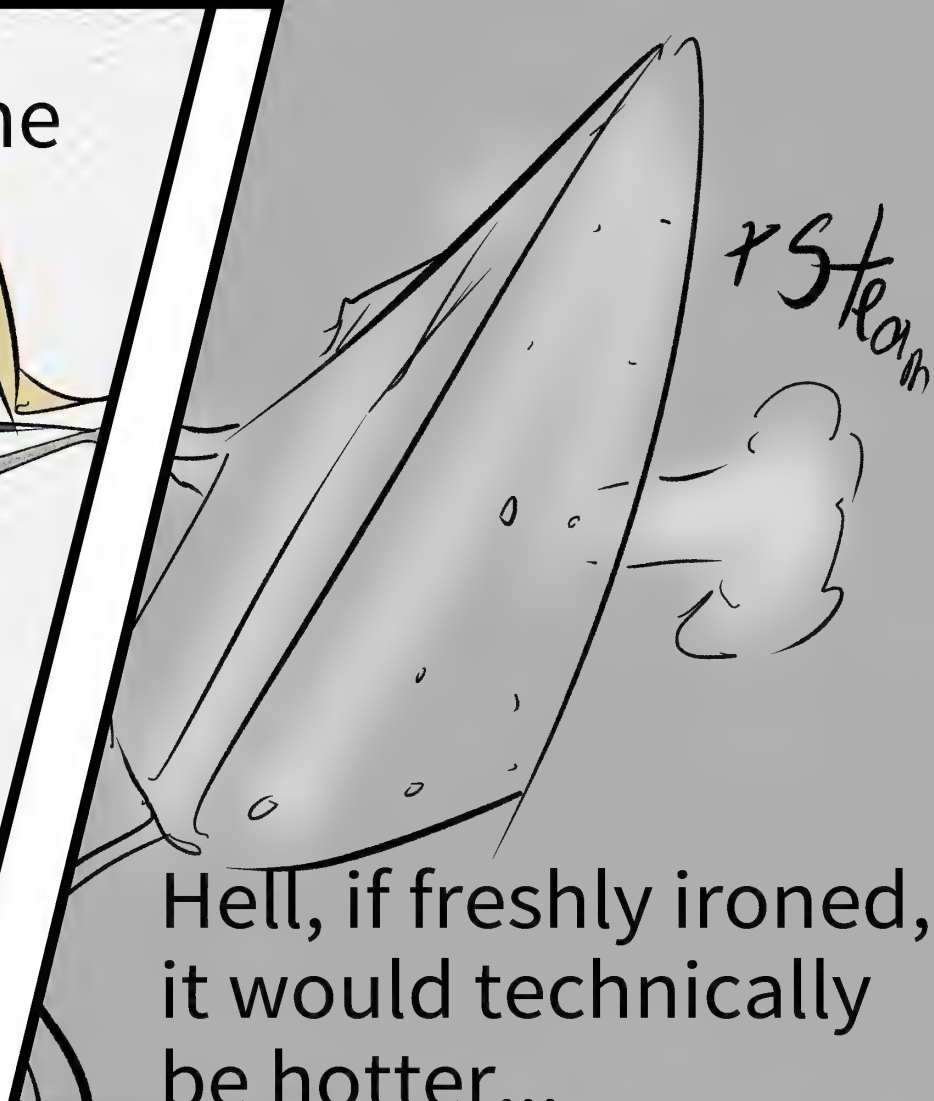
With all the problems experienced by young adults like new responsibilities, being passive aggressively demeaned by authority figures, unexpressed emotions...

Ah remember the scented candle exercise? Young love nearly drives one to homicide


Love?

At this point you must be tryin' to piss me of on purpose for some sick experiment

Maka is as attractive to me
as a washboard
with a skirt
on it




Hell, if freshly ironed,
it would technically
be hotter...



And why am I even
telling you this, are
you some love doctor
too now?!

Don't misunderstand me,
I'm just relieved I won't need
to find tear-duct transplants
for Crona now



Whatever, if
you don't have
shit to say, I'm
outta here

A hand is shown closing a door. The door is slightly ajar, and the hand is positioned to push it shut. The background is simple, with some lines suggesting a room.

No door
closing
etiquette,
tch, tch,
tch...

Thud

A close-up of a young man with short, dark hair. He has a pensive or slightly annoyed expression, with his eyes closed or looking down. He is wearing a dark shirt.

But I wonder

is it just hormones

A hand is shown scratching the back of a head. The hand is positioned behind the head, with fingers spread. The background is simple, with some lines suggesting a person's head and shoulders.

tick tick
tick

Or if something
else

is picking at his
brain

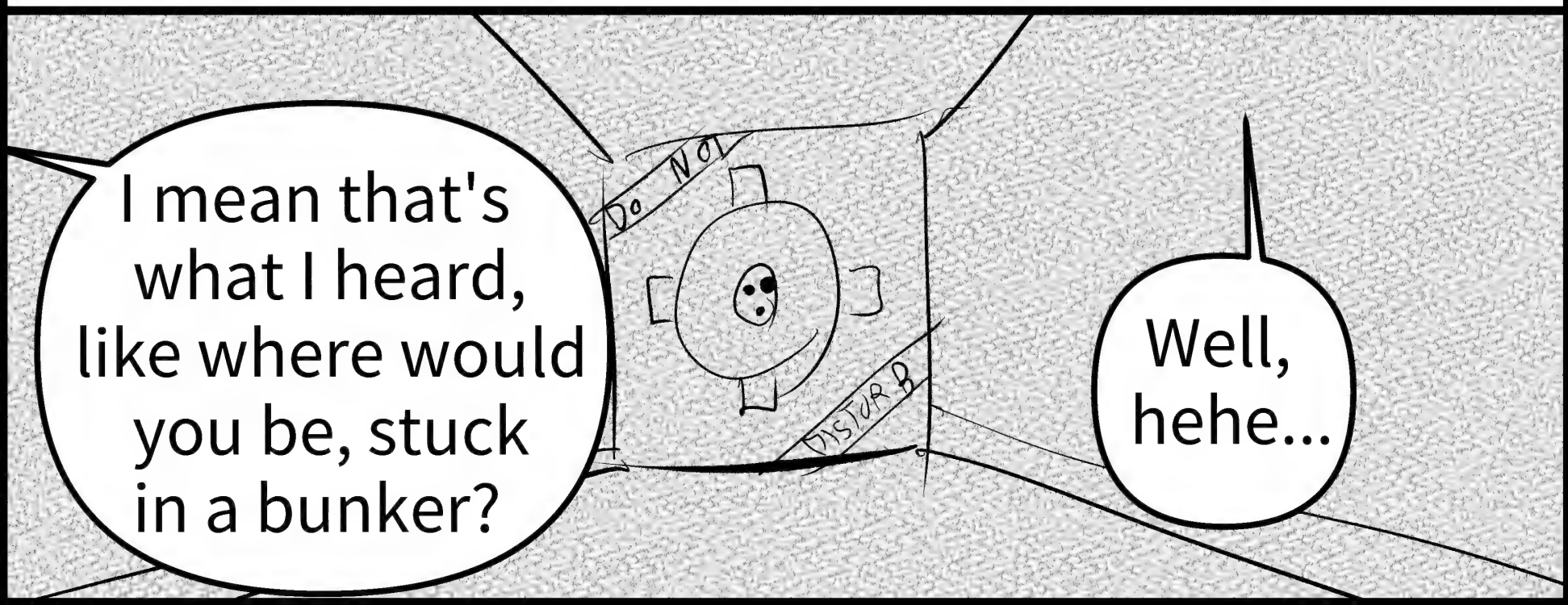
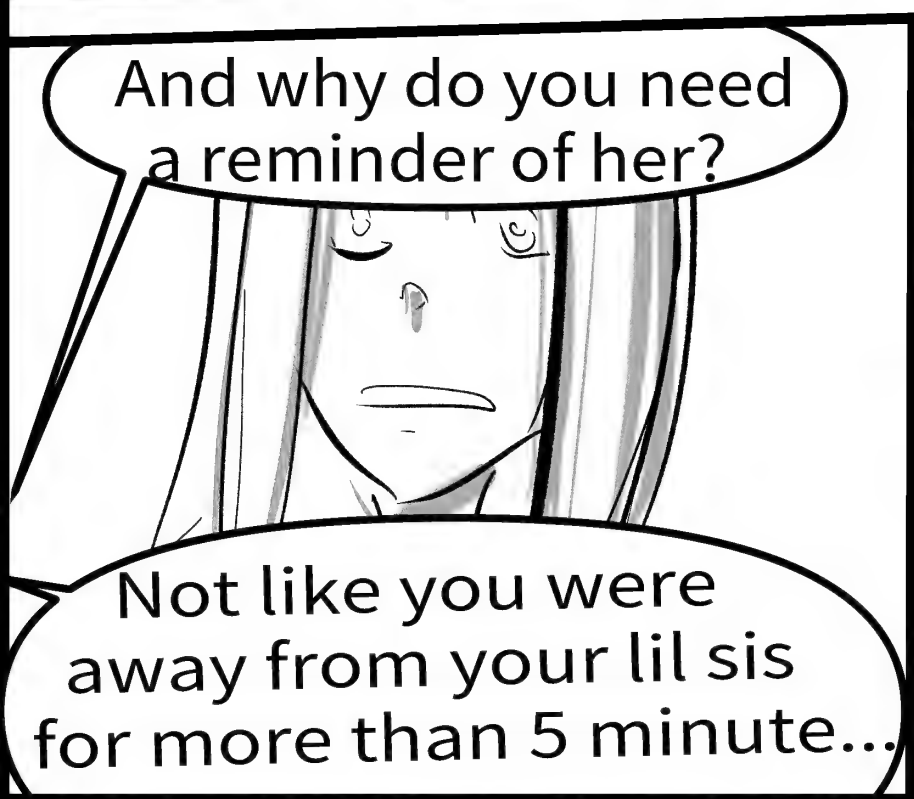


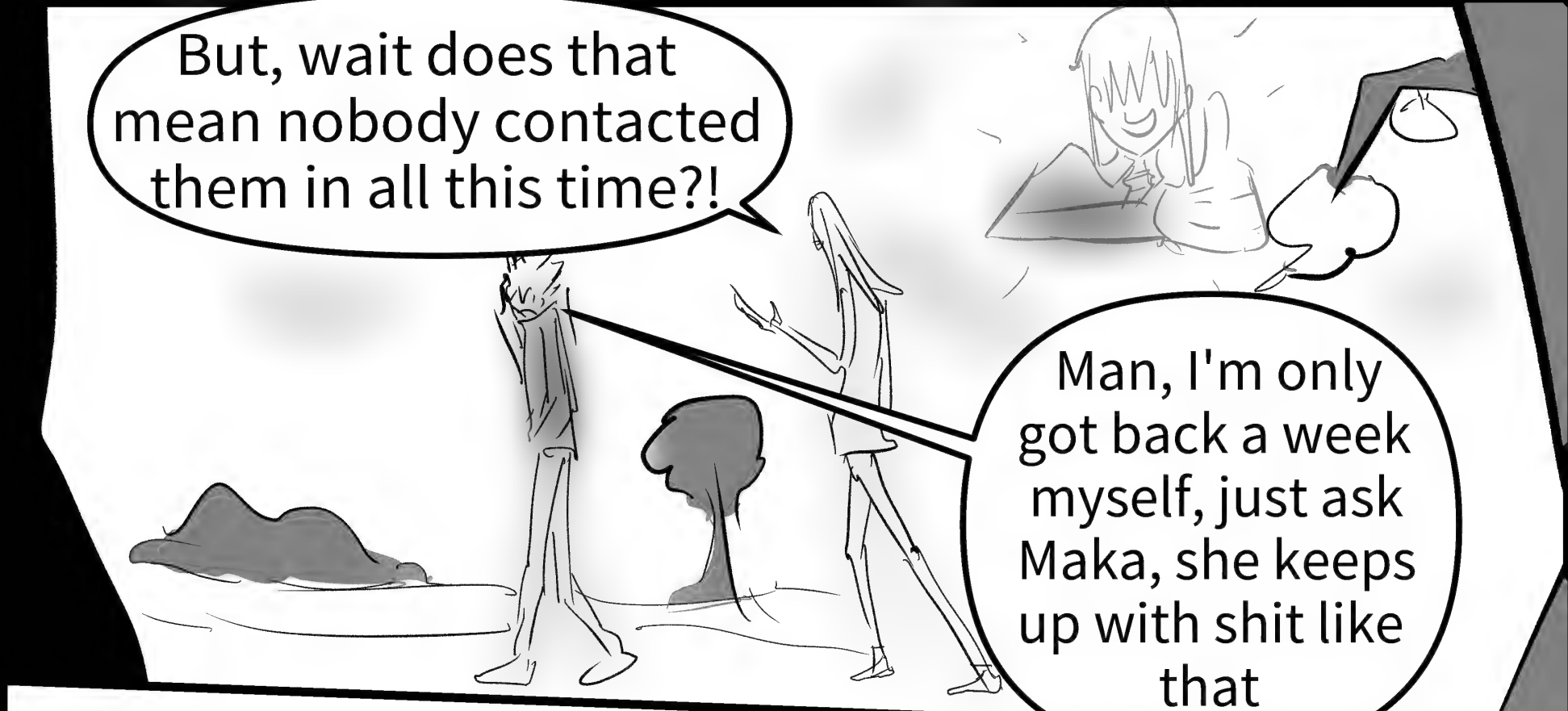
Scratch

Scratch


Did I mix up
my hairgel with
bleach?!

What is
this itch?!






But, wait does that mean nobody contacted them in all this time?!



Man, I'm only got back a week myself, just ask Maka, she keeps up with shit like that



Oh, do you know where she is-

The library

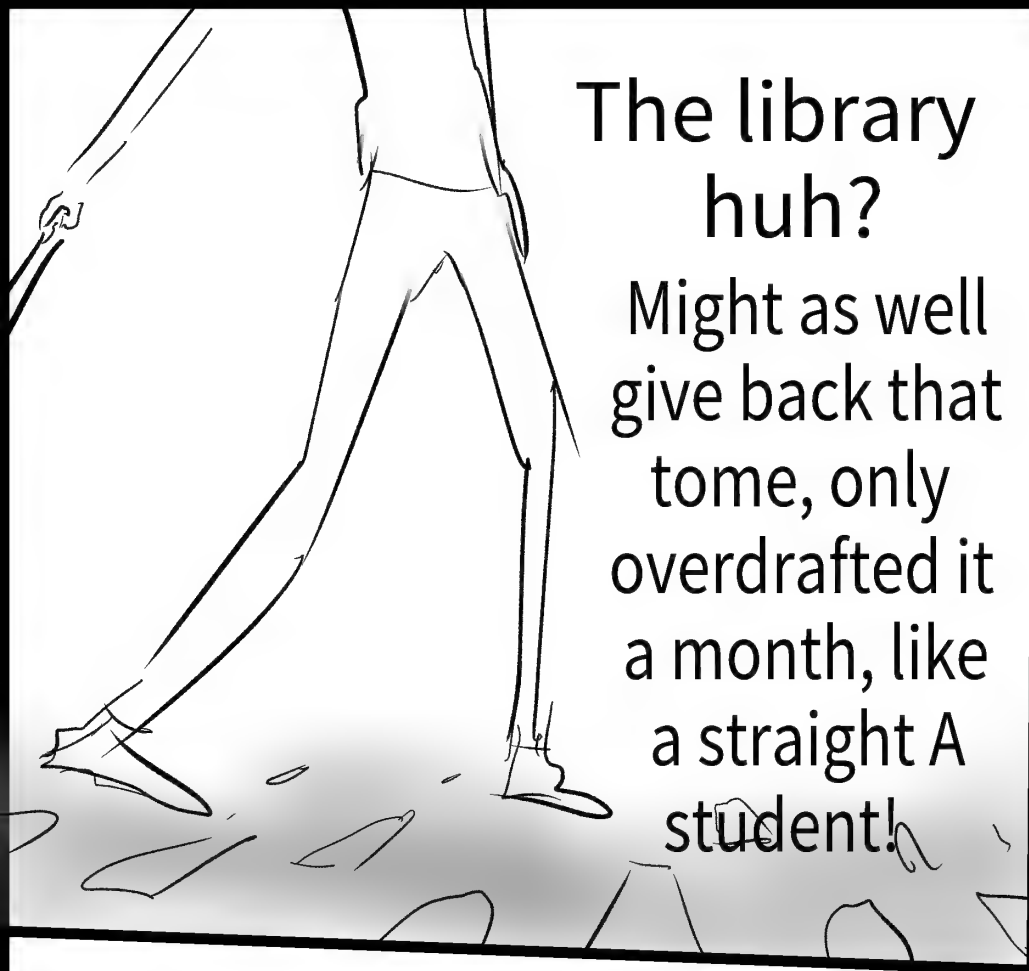


Well, see ya later...

Oh, also scratching makes it worse

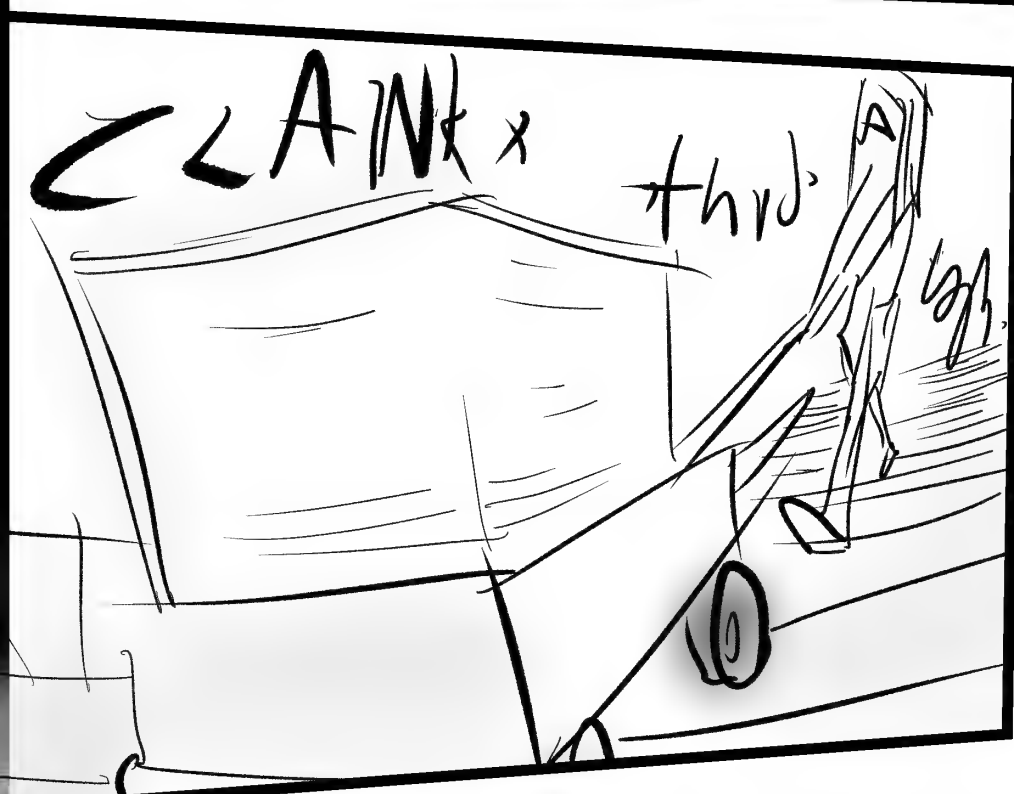
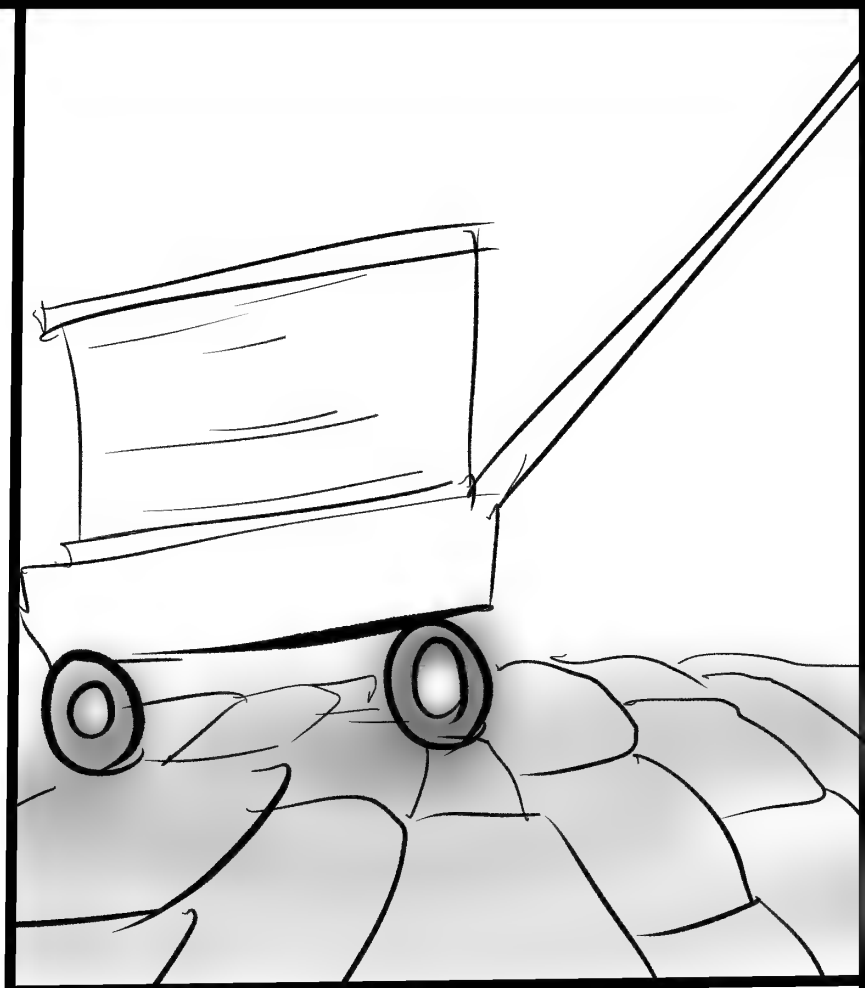
You don't say

I think

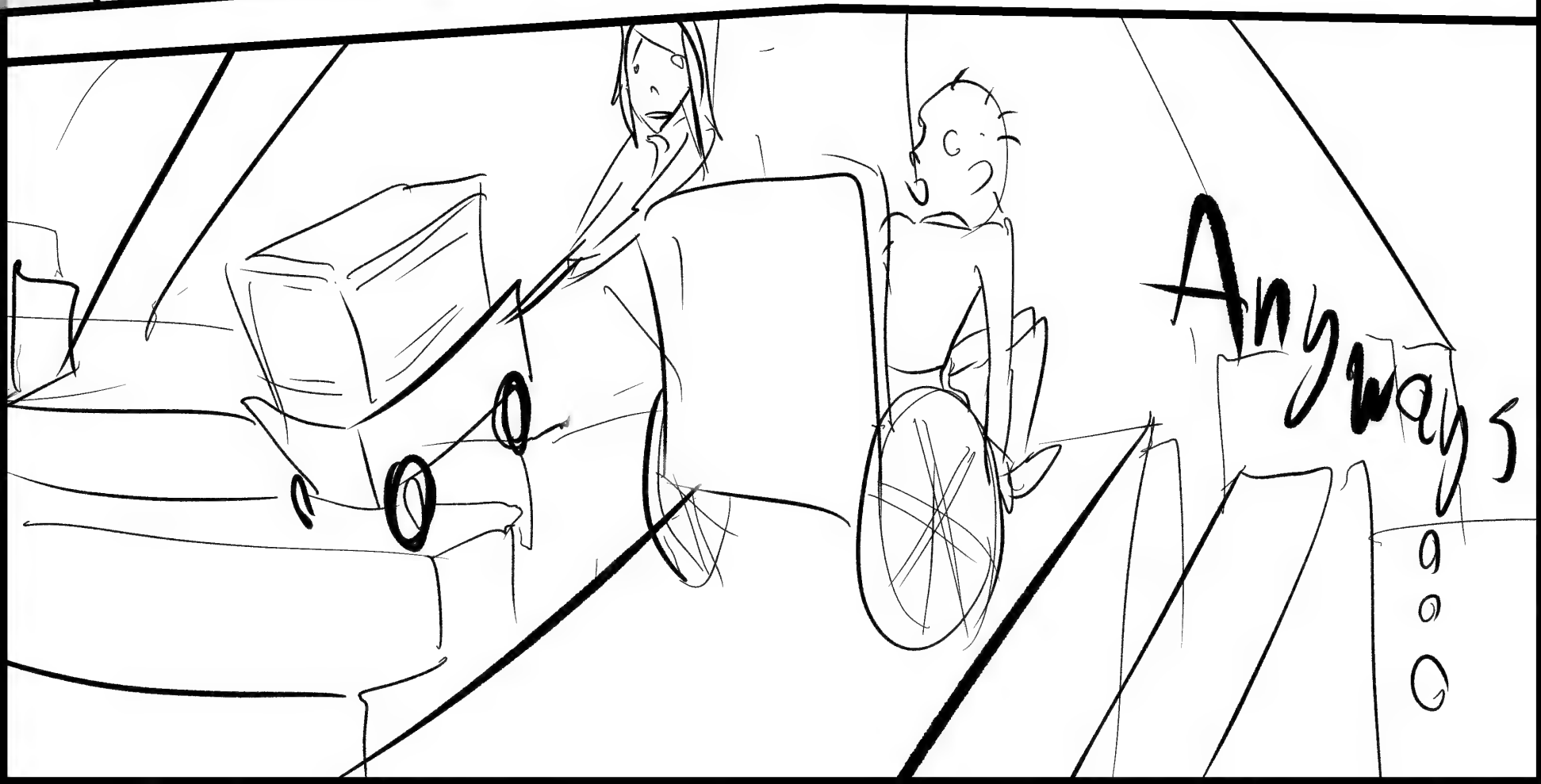


The library
huh?

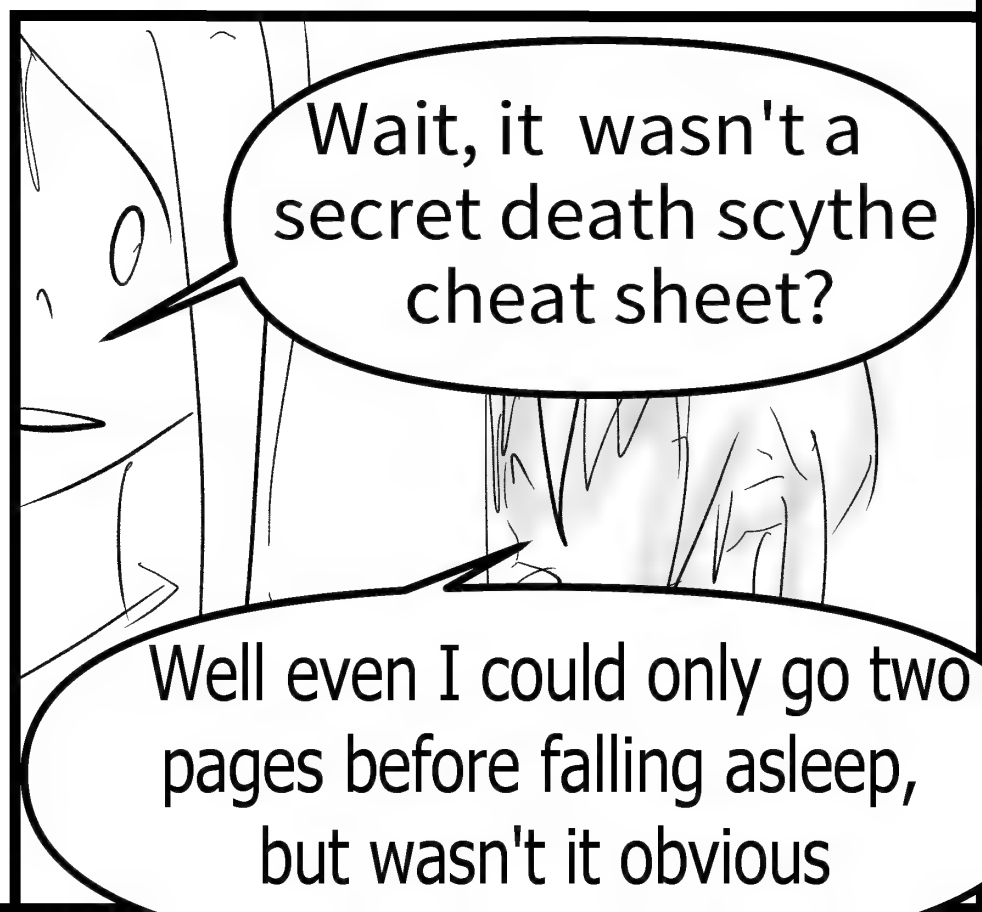
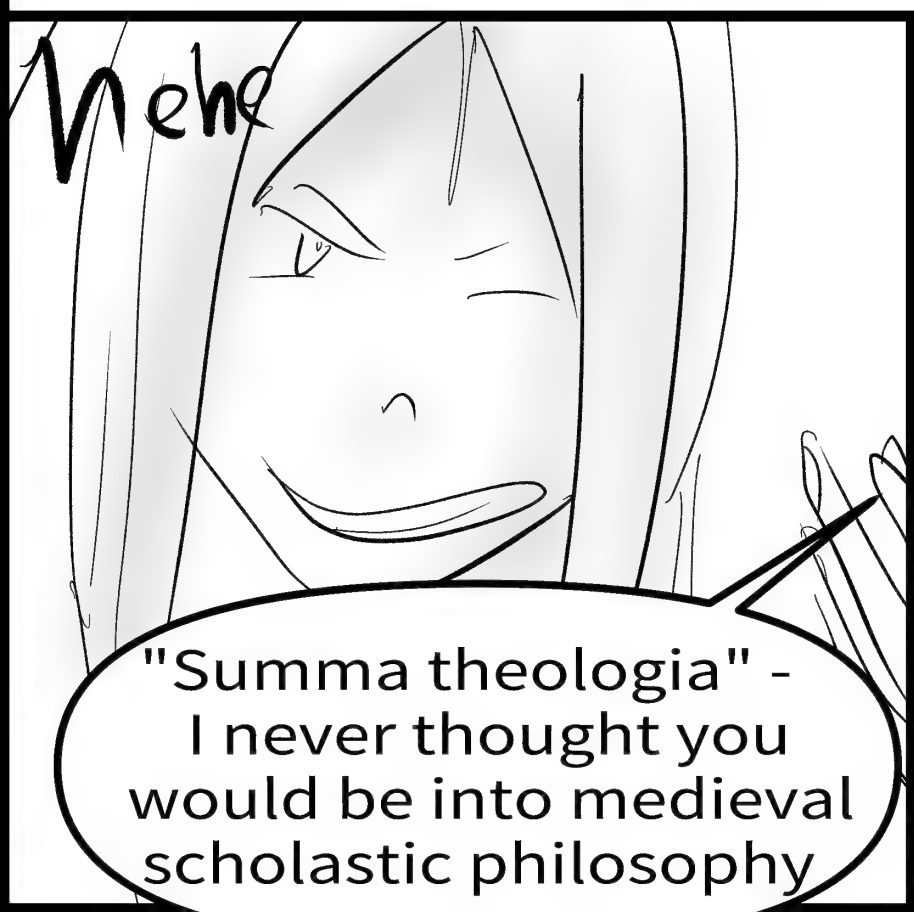
Might as well
give back that
tome, only
overdrafted it
a month, like
a straight A
student!

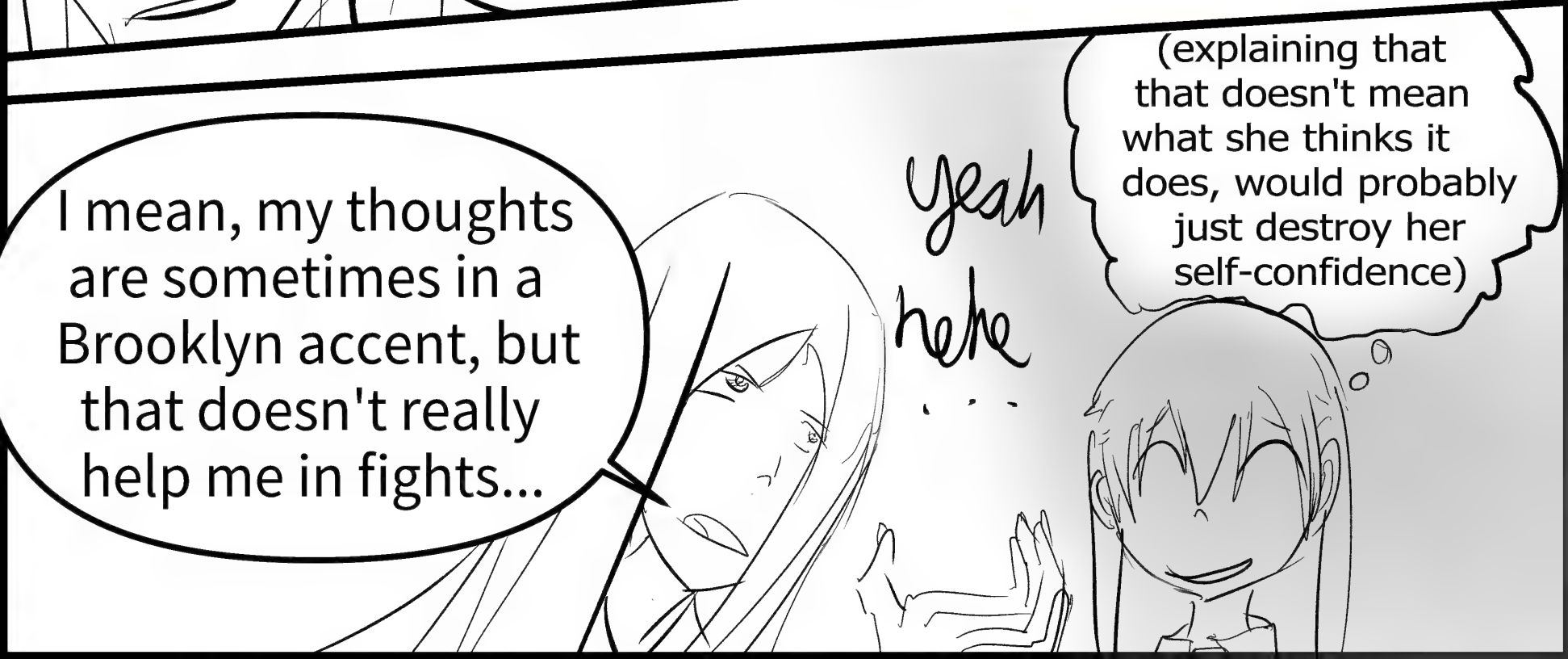
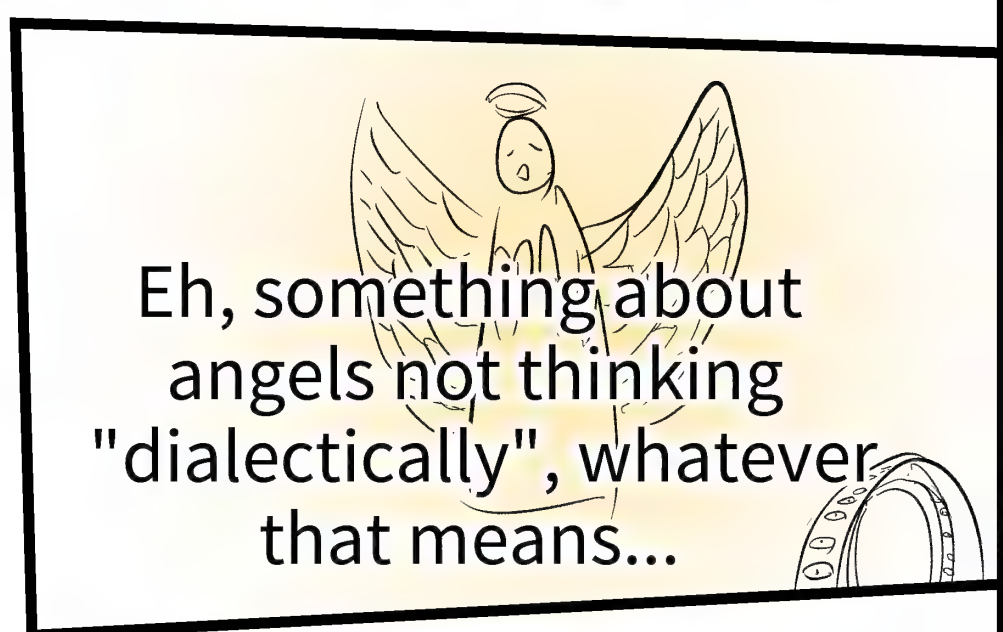


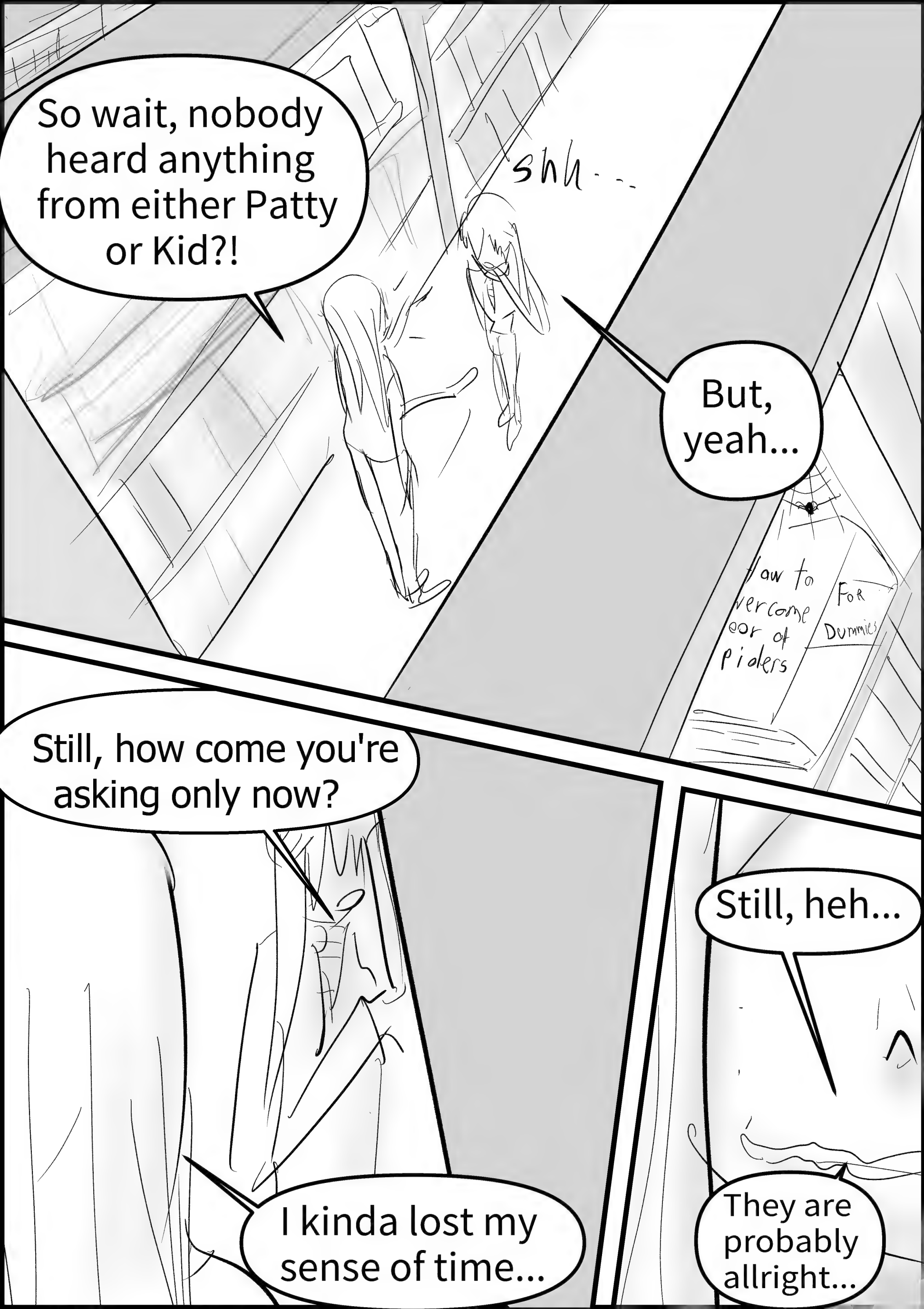
And I thought
the wheels will
make it easy...



Anyway's







So wait, nobody
heard anything
from either Patty
or Kid?!

shh...

But,
yeah...

Still, how come you're
asking only now?

I kinda lost my
sense of time...

Still, heh...

They are
probably
allright...



Aren't we all?

Y-yeah...



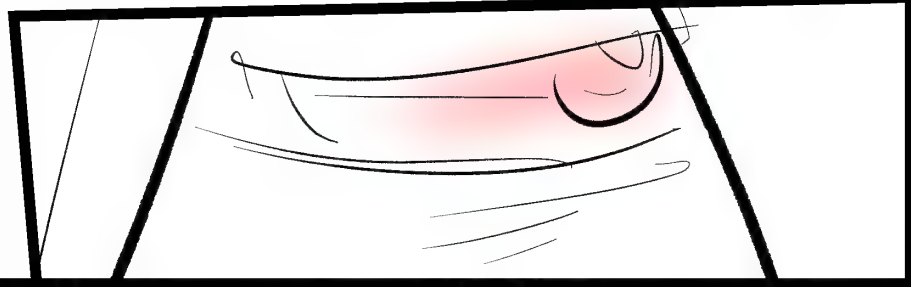
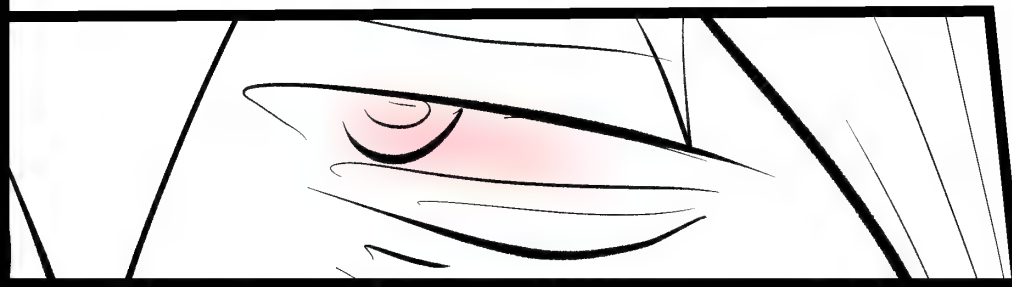
do it on

purpose?



Why

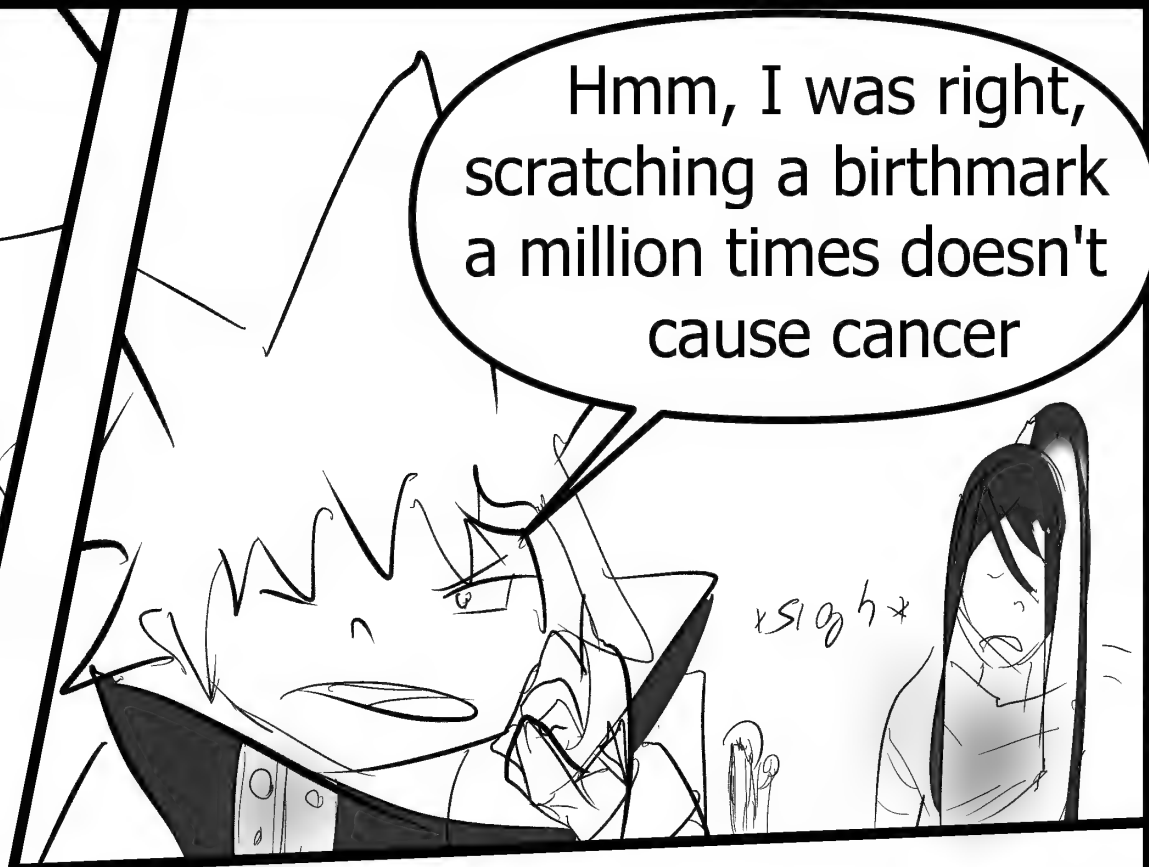
am I so unsure?







Sarah



Hmm, I was right, scratching a birthmark a million times doesn't cause cancer



I'm impressed he didn't quit counting by 10000

You mean 10




Wii



Cancer or not, I'm beating this monster!

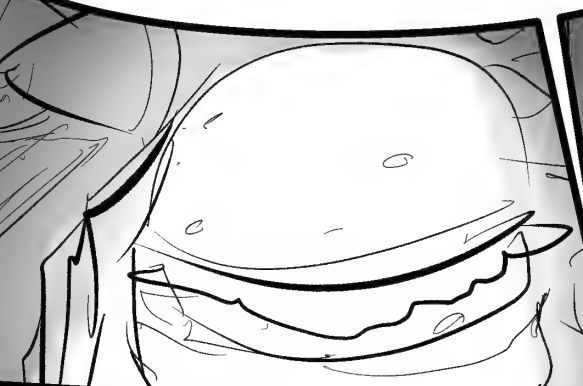
99 kishineggs already, so if it is a witch...

Even better, that would be the closest thing to a challenge




Better yet, all the words evils take their arms against me, I'll take you all on!


Ofcourse he gotta tempt fate...



All arms? Does that starboy think we'll need that much?



A big mouthed fool, but still easy to eat up at this kid's menu size

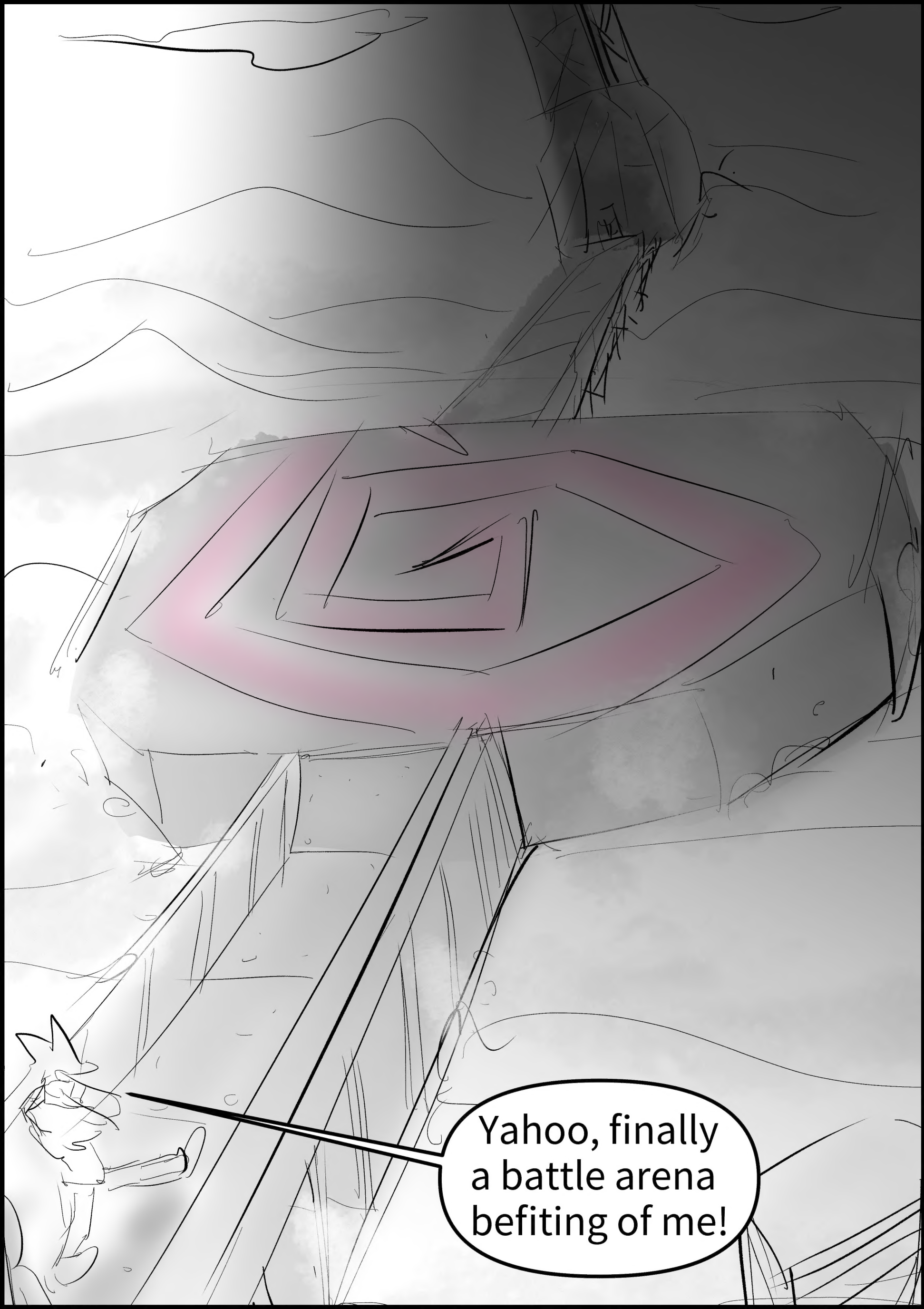


I wonder why
Ultra wants me to
do it personally



The preparations
are complete, chief


Great, finally
will be able to
use it without
giving credit
to the enemy



Yahoo, finally
a battle arena
befitting of me!




I have bad feeling,
we should be careful-



Haha, Tsubaki,
not like you can
sense wavelengths,
relax!



Neither can you,
blueberry shortbus-



Swish

Ragnarok,
Tsubaki,
transform!



Swish

Things might go south...



Chapter 48 END